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Council And The Governor

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government is to move

"That this Council desires to express its hearty appreciation of the eminent services rendered for the good of the Colony by Sir Andrew Caldecott, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., during the period of his Administration, and instructs the Clerk to communicate the terms of this resolution to Sir Andrew."

HITLER'S AIR ADJUTANT KILLED IN CRASH

Berlin, To-day.

Captain Mantius, Herr Hitler's air force adjutant, and a companion, Sergeant-Major Henning, were killed in an aeroplane crash between Kiel and Berlin yesterday.

Herr Hitler is understood to be much distressed by the tragedy.

Captain Mantius was one of three officers, drawn from the army, navy and air force, respectively, who are attached to the Fuehrer for special service and accompany him on all official occasions.—Reuter.

WOMAN'S ORDEAL IN THE ALPS

Husband Badly Hurt On Precipice

Vienna, To-day.

A tale of heroism on the part of an Austrian woman Alpinist is revealed in the newspapers here.

Out with her husband on a climbing expedition, the woman had the terrifying experience of seeing him struck on the head and knocked unconscious by a falling rock.

The woman supported her husband on the edge of a precipice where the accident occurred for three hours until a rescue party arrived.—Trans-Ocean.

Local Weather Forecast

The anti-cyclone is situated in the Pacific to the east of the Bonins, and a weak anti-cyclonic area covers the Eastern and Yellow Seas. Shallow depressions lie over S.W. China and the Pacific to the East of Japan. Forecast:— S.E. winds, moderate; fair.

Must Have Passed Hong Kong And Turned Back!

An air of complete mystery hangs over the course taken by the two French airmen, Marcel Doret and Francois Micheletti, since they left Hanoi, in French Indo-China, at 11.30 last night on their way to Tokyo, via Hong Kong. The airmen were at first reported to have passed Hong Kong in the early hours of this morning speeding northward to Shanghai in their fast Simoun monoplane, and were expected in the northern city at around 9.30 a.m.

By noon, the airmen having failed to put in an appearance, grave fears were felt for their safety and, weather conditions on the China coast being bad, it was thought they had made a forced landing somewhere between Hong Kong and Shanghai.

NOW, A REUTER TELEGRAM FROM HANOI HAS DISPELLED RUMOURS THAT THE AIRMEN HAD BEEN FORCED DOWN. THE TELEGRAM OFFICIALLY SAYS THAT THEY TURNED BACK AND ARRIVED AT FORT BAYARD AT 10.20 THIS MORNING.

Although the airmen are apparently safe, there is still no knowledge of their actions since they left Hanoi, and, if earlier reports that they had passed by the Colony are correct, it is a puzzle why they did not make a landing at Kai Tak instead of flying back to Fort Bayard, about 150 miles from here.

It appears, however, that they have frittered away their chances of winning the French Air Ministry's prize for a Paris-Tokyo flight in under 100 hours, as they left Le Bourget at 2.06 p.m. on Saturday, and have only about 28 hours in which to cover the remaining distance.

Weather conditions on the China Coast this morning made flying extremely hazardous, with heavy rainfall and poor visibility. In spite of the dismal weather, crowds waited at Lungwha aerodrome, in Shanghai to greet the airmen should they arrive.

The two fliers reached Hanoi at 9.55 last night and hopped off, apparently for Hong Kong, at 11.30 p.m.

Since receipt of the Reuter telegram from Hanoi nothing had been heard of them, though Mr. A. J. R. Moss and Mr. Erik Nelson, in charge at Kai Tak airport, were up the whole night in the expectation that the airmen would land in Hong Kong.

The airmen were believed to have passed over the Colony at around 5.30 this morning, according to Kai Tak, but as local officials were un-

able to get into touch with the fliers by radio, owing to the latter's set being too weak for reception, no confirmation of this report could be obtained.

Had they passed the Colony at that hour, they should have arrived in Shanghai at about 9.30 this morning.

OPENING OF PARIS EXHIBITION

Dr. Schacht Attends

Paris, To-day.

The German Minister for Economics, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, was among those attending the opening of the Paris Exhibition yesterday by Premier Leon Blum in the presence of President Albert Lebrun.

Dr. Schacht's presence in the French capital has led to numerous rumours of important negotiations with the Blum Government, though this is denied by both French and German quarters here.

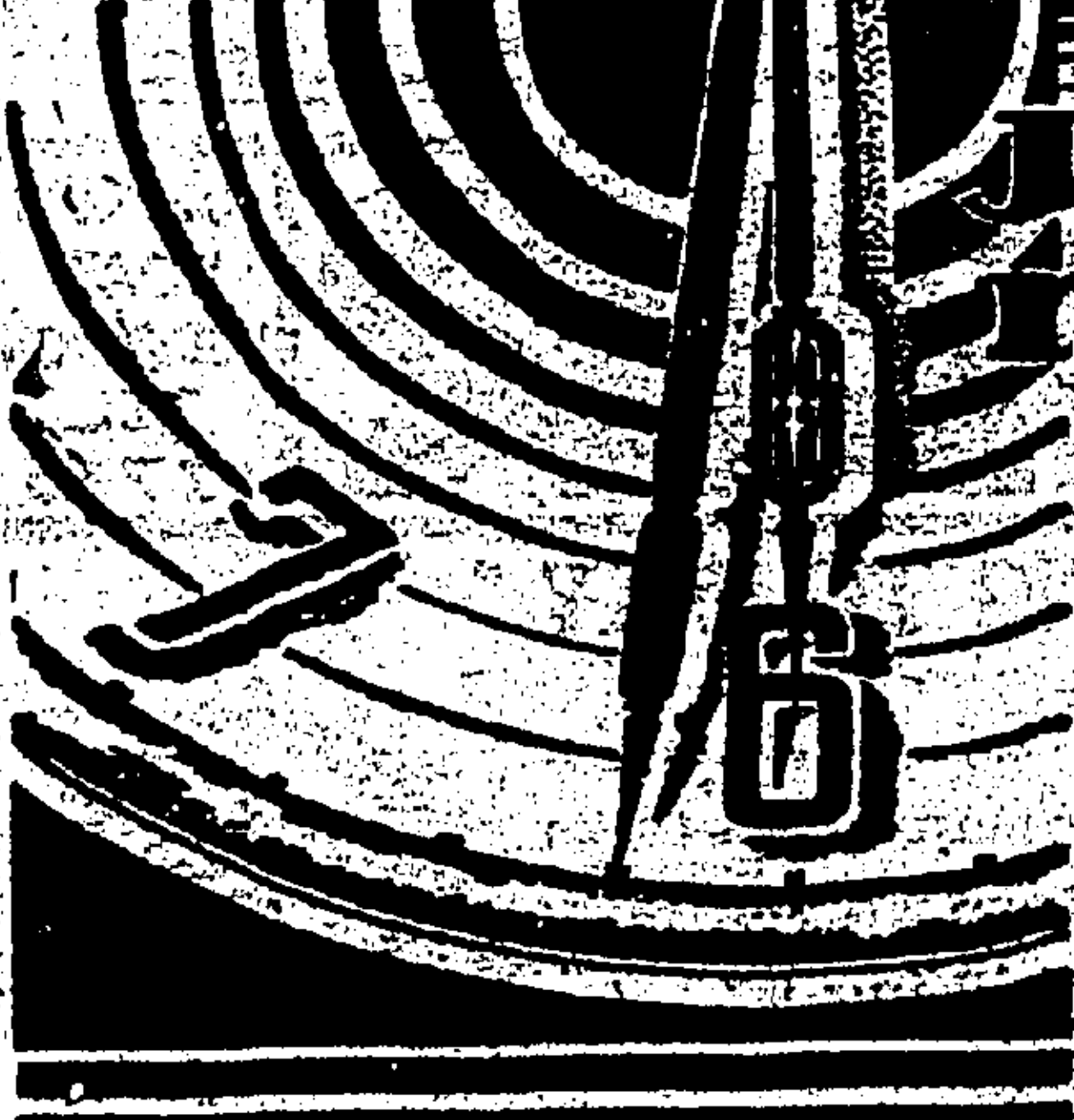
Outstanding in the Italian exhibits are monuments to the colonial achievement of Fascism in Abyssinia and Somaliland.

In the marble courtyard of the Italian pavilion stands a small bronze figure of Marshal Balbo, the hero of the trans-Atlantic flight of Italian flyingboats—Trans-Ocean.

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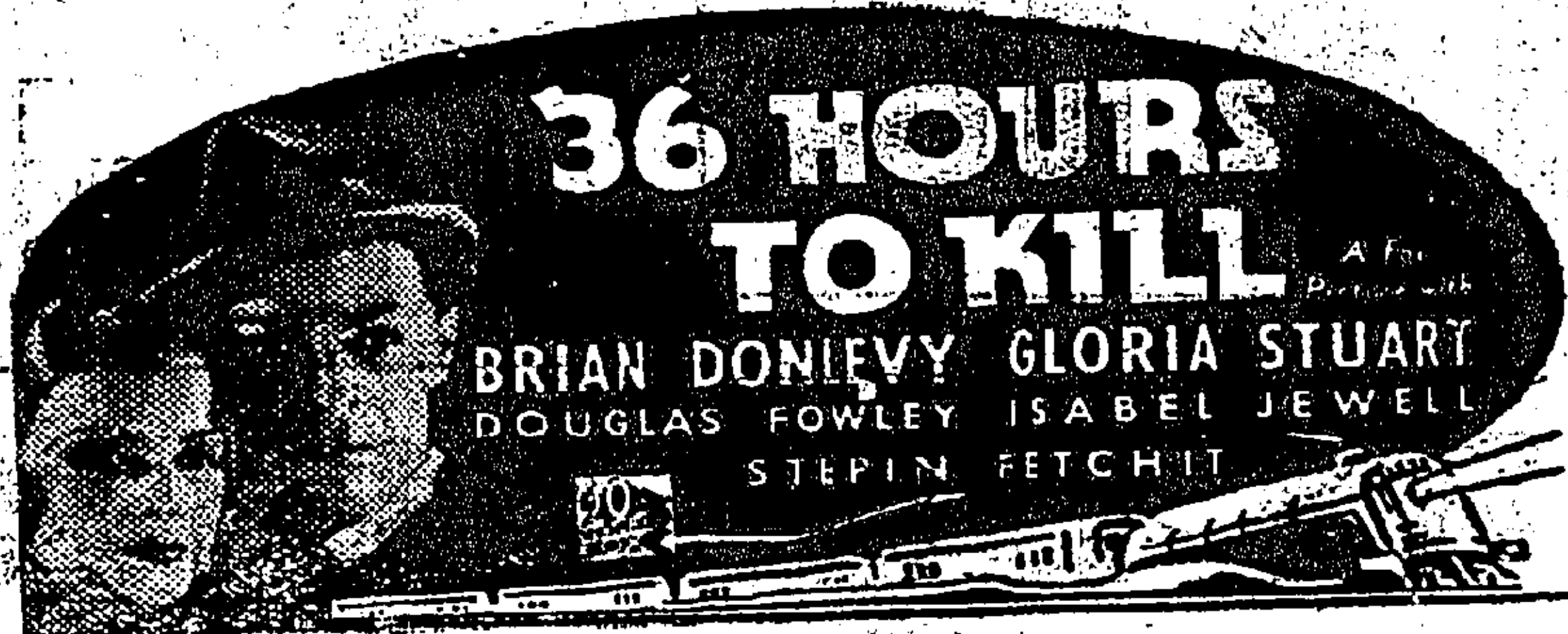
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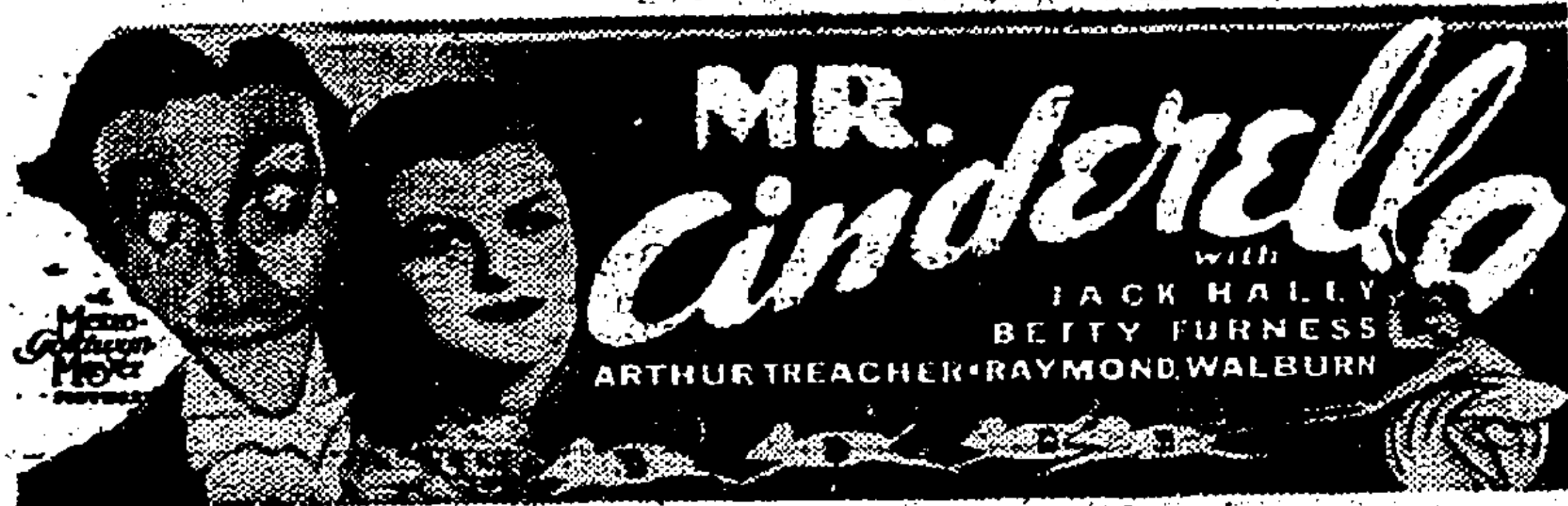
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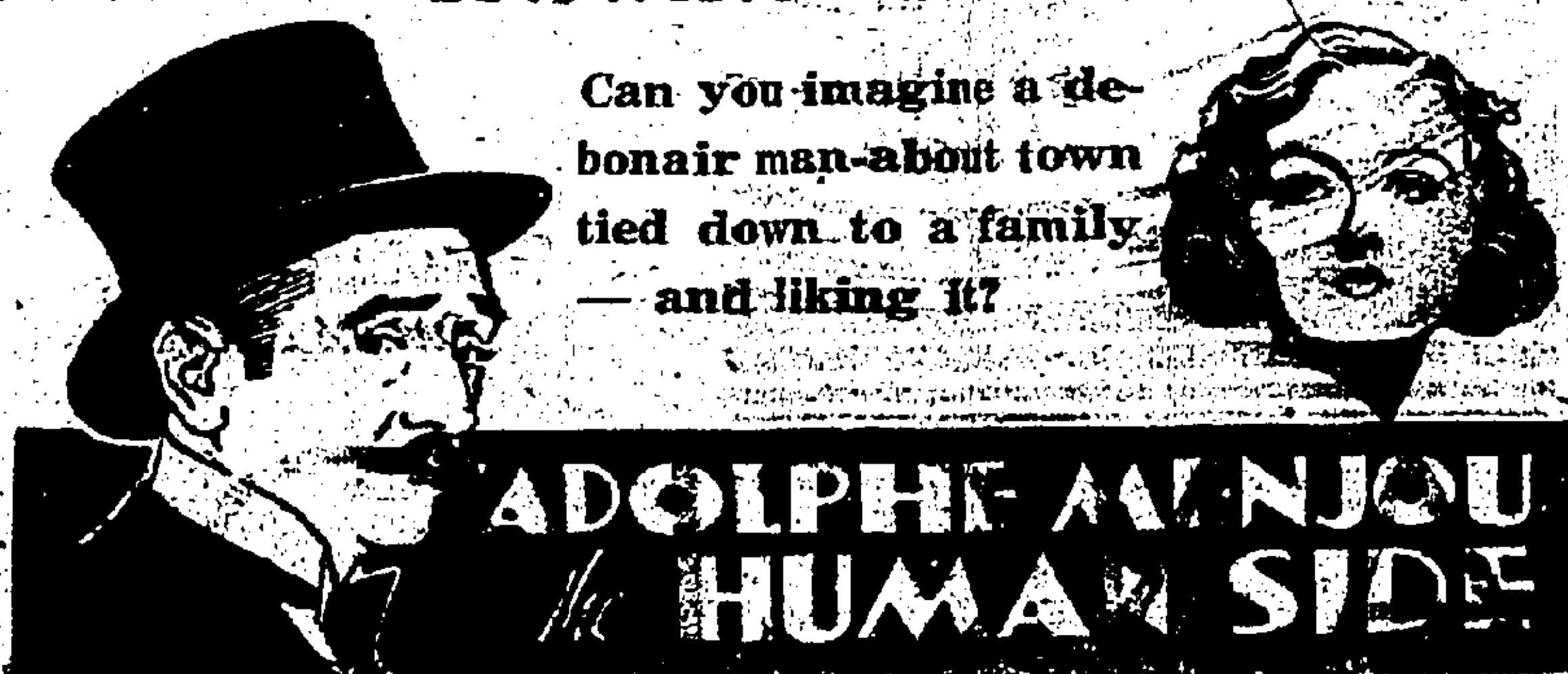
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CHINA COMPLETES NEW AIR PLANT

Apron strings which tied China's youthful (5-year-old) air force to mother factories in America and Italy have been broken with the completion of China's fourth air-plant, factory, the new U.S. \$2,000,000 Italian assembly plant at Nanchang, 400 miles southwest of Shanghai.

Financed jointly by three Italian plane producers—Fiat, Brada, and Caproni, employing 90 Italian workmen, this highly secretive factory is reported to turn out three planes a week when orders are available.

Italian workers receive salaries ten times higher than skilled Chinese labour, but the cost is remitted from the Italian Boxer Indemnity Fund.

Airplane engines and metal parts are supplied from Italy. Most fabrics and wooden units are manufactured in China, and assembled at the Italian plant.

QUESTION UNSETTLED

Construction of the factory commenced early in 1935 at the old air field outside Nanchang, and was completed last autumn. The number of planes so far assembled is very small, because few Italian planes have been purchased.

Nanking air officials are reported dissatisfied with the frequent crashes of Italian planes caused by motor trouble, and in two cases by the blowing off of the wing covers.

Proposal to use American engines in Italian planes, allegedly made by Madame Chiang Kai-shek, commander-in-chief of the Chinese air force, has been hotly opposed by the Italian military mission to China. The question is unsettled.

Curtis-Wright's U. S. \$2,500,000 factory for American planes at Shienchiaow near Hangchow, 100 miles southwest of Shanghai, has assembled more than 70 bombers since its completion in 1935. Unlike the Italian factory, Curtis-Wright uses Chinese workmen exclusively, with eight American engineers and foremen to supervise the assembling.

GERMAN FACTORY

Another American factory, small but active, located at Shichow (formerly Shaokuan) in Kwangtung on the railway, 150 miles north of Canton, manufactures almost every part of an airplane, including the propeller. American engines are imported.

This factory, organized with U. S. \$200,000 worth of machinery in 1935 by the rebellious warlord, Chen Chi-tang, passed as spoils to the Nanking government in the bloodless civil war last summer. Two American supervisors and a crew of Chinese technicians are now able to turn out one plane a week.

A German plane factory is reported to be under construction at Chuchow, important railway junction in Hunan province, 30 miles south of Changsha. Details are lacking.

Latest American air equipment is the U. S. \$150,000 machine shop now under construction at the new military airbase outside Nanchang, intended for the overhauling of American planes.

PRINCE MICHAEL IN WARSAW

Official Call On Polish President

Warsaw, To-day.

The Rumanian Heir Apparent, Crown Prince Michael, arrived here yesterday morning from London, where he had been representing Rumania at the Coronation.

The Crown Prince was met at the station by a military guard of honour, the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Joseph Beck, and the Rumanian, French, Yugo-Slav, Czecho-Slovakian and Estonian Ministers.

Prince Michael later called on the Polish President, Marshal Ritz-Smigly and the widow of Marshal Pilsudski.—Trans-Ocean.

POST FOR MR. O. ST. C. O'MALLEY

British Minister In Mexico

London, To-day.

Mr. Owen St. Clair O'Malley, Counsellor at the Foreign Office since 1933, has been appointed British Minister to Mexico City.

Mr. O'Malley is best known for his conclusion of the Chen-O'Malley agreement at Hankow in 1927, by which he reached an agreement with Mr. Eugene Chen, then Foreign Minister of the newly-formed Chinese National Government, for rendition of the British Concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang.

At the time, Mr. O'Malley was Counsellor at the Legation at Peking.—Reuter.

The P. and O. s.s. "Mirzapore" left Moji for this Port on Sunday and is due here on Saturday at about 6 a.m.

The s.s. "Naldera" left Singapore for this Port on Saturday, with the outward English Mails, and is due here tomorrow at 9 a.m.

SOVIETS 11-YEAR-OLD MOTHERS

More than 1,000 girls between 11 and 12 years of age in the Soviet Russian city of Kiev are already mothers, stated the Soviet Russian People's Commissary for Health, according to press reports which add that the Commissary made this statement at a meeting of medical doctors in Moscow when he described the conditions prevailing in the State Institute for Education at Kiev.

Six thousand children of both sexes are boarded in this institute, said the Commissary, and an extraordinary moral laxity prevails among the inmates.

GAS MASKS FOR CUSTOMS IN TIENTSIN

The newest weapon to protect Tientsin customs officers in the anti-smuggling campaign will be gas masks which will be distributed to all inspectors on duty. The action comes as a result of the use of poison gas by ruffians who attacked the customs officers the other day.

The customs inspectors detained 500,000 copper coins which were being shipped out, at a wharf in Tientsin.

THE WORLD GOES BY

GOOD morning, yonse guys! This programme comes to you by courtesy of the Lingerlong Lipstick Corporation, makers of Lingerlong, the Lipstick that Lures Them. On and Leaves Them Limp and Gasping.

Yesterday, believe it or not was the anniversary of the birth and death of that well-known poet and playwright, the late Mr. William (Bill-to-you) Shakespeare; and to-day we are going to do homage to his wonderful genius, by kind permission of Lingerlong, the Lipstick that Stays Put.

Shakespeare, also known as the Immortal Bard, was born at Stratford, England, in the year 1564.

Little is known about his early life, but as soon as he could hold a pen young Will broke into the theatre racket and began doing his stuff.

And O boy, what a wallop he packed in his mitt!

* * *

One after another he wrote stacks of plays, poems and dramas; woiks that will live through the ages and keep their beauty untarnished; just like Lingerlong, the Lipstick with the Lure, the Make-Up that Doesn't Come Off on your Boy Friend.

Girls, go get it! Get Lingerlong and get off!

Chief among Shakespeare's dramas is the tragedy of Hamlet, which tells the story of the poor young mutt who went bughouse, threw his best girl out on her ear, and gave his step-father the woiks.

Hamlet is largely composed of quotations, such as "Wow, that this too, too solid flesh would scam."

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Another of Shake's plays is the Merchant of Venice, and that's all about a lowdown wop who lent a barrel of greenbacks to some dago boys, with a pound of meat as security.

And when they couldn't face the instalment man, the wop tried to carve it out of them with a bowie.

And did he get stung? Or did he get stung?

One of Shakespeare's best known songs is that beautiful melody which begins, "Take, O take them lips away."

And why? Why take them lips away, Because the lady doesn't use Lingerlong, the Lipstick with the Lure, the Make-Up that Clings like the Ivy on the old Garden Wall.

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Julius Caesar was another of our subject's dramas, and tells how one of these dictator guys was beaten up by the Brutus boys: after which it was curtains for Julie, and lots of flowers that he couldn't smell. R.I.P. spells Out!

Believe me, friends, in the plays of the late Shakespeare you will meet a whole bunch of real, live people; tough guys, phoney skirts, pickled lobsters, lousy knaves, hot mammas, yegg men, two-timers, hold-up boys, bunco-steerers, dope addicts, butter-and-egg men, racketers, hi-jackers, gun molls and gangsters; with a raft of wops,

Kingsford-Smith Still Alive?

Lady Kingsford-Smith expressed the belief in Los Angeles that her husband, the famous aviator, was forced down in the jungles of the Malay Peninsula and may be alive.

Captain Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, world famous Australian birdman, disappeared on November 8, 1935, while on a speed flight from England to Australia. He was accompanied by Thomas Pethy-bridge.

When last seen over the Bengal Gulf they were bucking a terrific wind storm. Many planes, including mail ships, searched for the missing monoplane and its occupants without success.

RUSSIAN GIRLS LURED TO THE EAST

More than 20,000 young women in European Russia have succumbed to the lure of the East. They have answered the call of the Young Communist League for pioneers to settle in the remote and undeveloped Far Eastern regions of Soviet Russia.

Because those regions are both rich in resources and vital to the country's defence, the Kremlin is anxious to populate them as rapidly as possible. The Young Communist League, therefore, has called for volunteers—particularly young women.

As a result, newspaper offices and the Young Communist committee are flooded with applications, and girls have already begun to arrive in Khabarovsk and other Far Eastern cities.

They will work, it is stated, in the auxiliary organisations of the Red Army and Navy and in the industrial centres. Some of the places that need such "colonists" are Khabarovsk, Vladivostok, the Kamchatka Peninsula, Sakhalien Island, and northern Kolyma.

Two specially equipped sleeping-cars have been reserved for the pioneers on every regular Moscow to Vladivostok train.

Straw Pillows For Safety

People who cannot afford hair pillows should make their own of sterilised straw, was the suggestion of Dr. A. Renshaw, Manchester pathologist, at a Bury (Lancs) inquest.

Verdict of Death by misadventure was recorded on Peter Barrie Wilcox, son of Police-Constable Wilcox, of Ramsbottom, who died in an Edenfield maternity home.

Martha Dutton, a State registered nurse in charge at the home, said that the baby was placed on its right side on a flock pillow.

Dr. Renshaw said death was due to asphyxiation, probably caused through the baby lying face downwards on the pillow.

dingers, dagoes, fairies, giants, and monsters that would have sent old man Barnum screwy.

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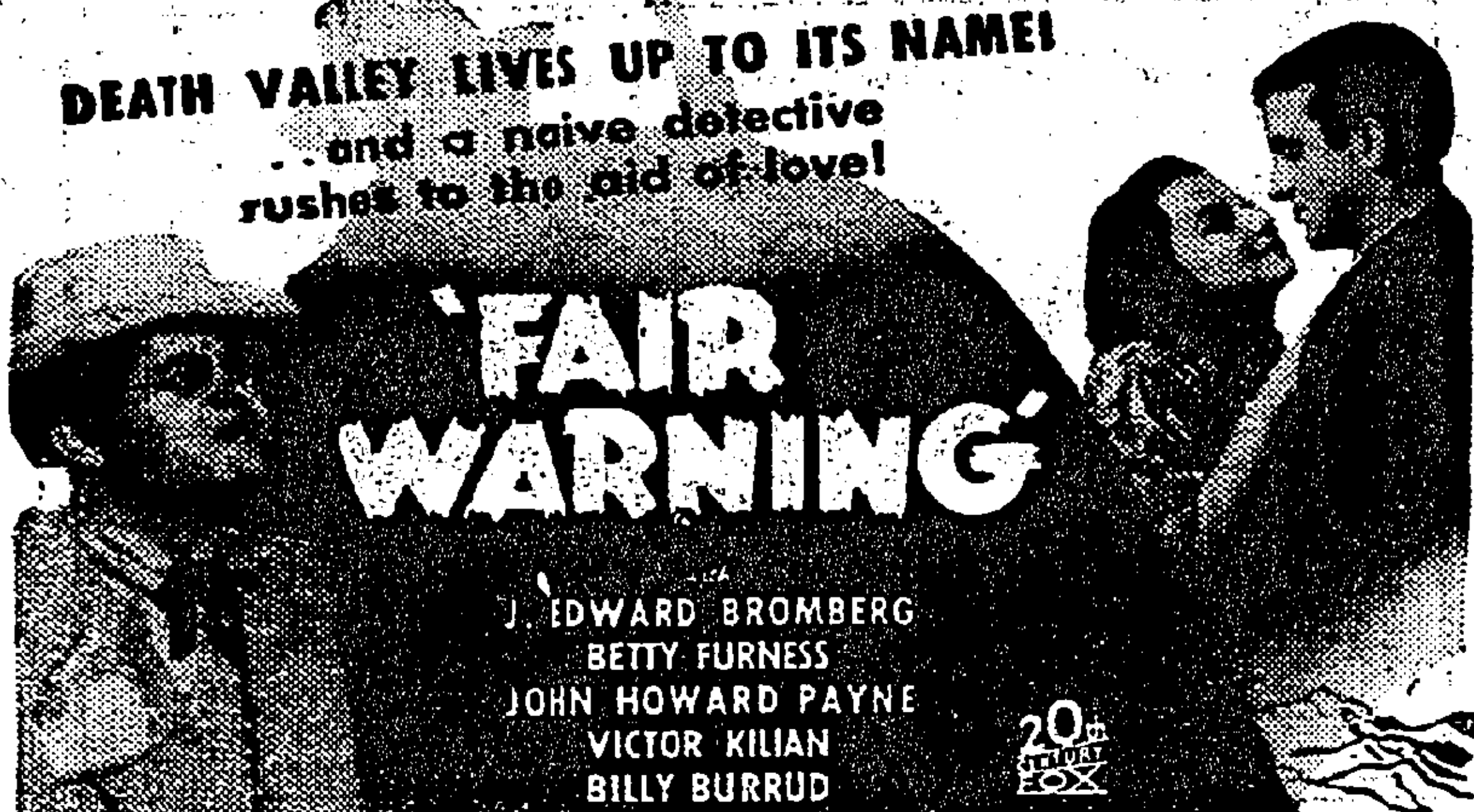
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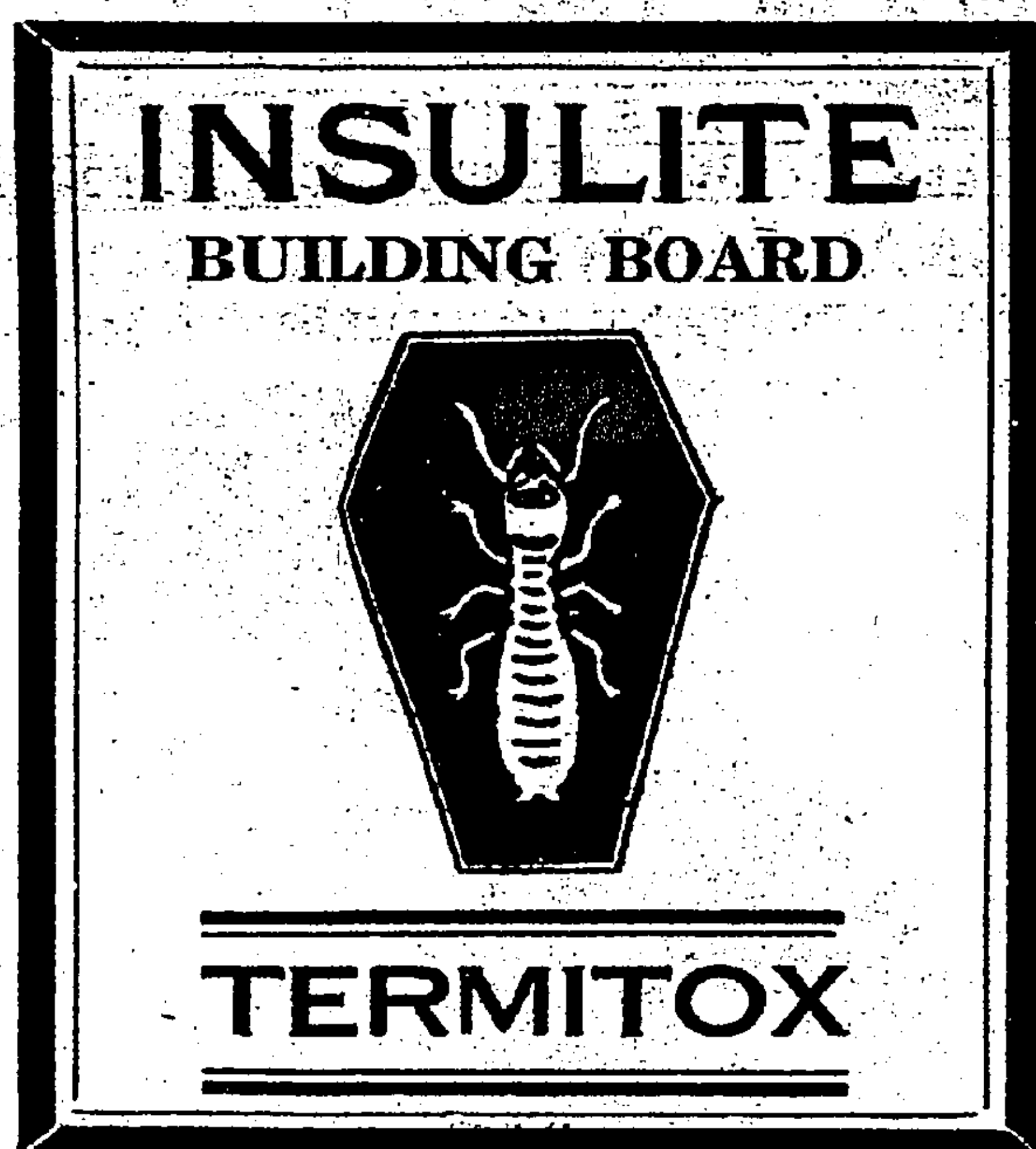


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Archbishop Of York On Empire

London, To-day.

The Archbishop of York reached at the Empire Day service of thanksgiving for Coronation in St. Paul's Cathedral, attended by the King and Queen, Queen Mary and other members of the Royal Family and all the Prime Ministers of the Commonwealth and representatives of India and the Colonies.

The total congregation numbered 4,000.

The Archbishop said the ground of pride they felt in the British Empire was the freedom of fellowship which united the self-governing Dominions in freely offered loyalty to the Throne, in the tradition and ideal of equality before law for the many races composing it, the maintenance of even justice throughout its borders and ready co-operation with others in the common tasks of civilisation.

Both as patriots and as Christians they should take pride in the aspects of Empire which qualified it for service to God's kingdom and eschew the kind of pride which made of the Empire an instrument of self-assertiveness, calling forth the resistance of others till it perished in the conflict if provoked. The Empire had its place in Divine providence and its very existence constituted the holy vocation of its citizens.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE CRUISER AT KIEL

First Visit For Over Thirty Years

Berlin, To-day.

The Japanese cruiser Ashigara, with Rear-Admiral Kabayashi, commander of the Fourth Cruiser Squadron, on board, arrived at Kiel yesterday morning on the first visit of a Japanese warship to German waters in thirty years.

Gun salutes and official visits were exchanged.

The Ashigara will remain at Kiel for eight days.

Yesterday afternoon members of the crew deposited a wreath at the German naval memorial near Kiel.—Trans-Ocean.

SULTAN ATRASH RELEASED

Leader Of Druse Rebellion

Jerusalem, To-day.

Sultan Atrash Pasha, imprisoned leader of the Druse rebellion in 1926, made a solemn entry into the capital of the Druse territory yesterday after he had been granted his freedom under a general amnesty.

Announcing the renaming of the Druse territory to Jebel Arabia, the Sultan voluntarily resigned the territory's autonomy rights and approved incorporation of the Druses in Syria.—Trans-Ocean.

QUEEN MARY'S BIRTHDAY

On the occasion of Queen Mary's birthday to-morrow, all warships in harbour will be dressed overall. At noon, a Royal Salute of 21 guns will be fired from Tamar, Eagle and Adventure.

Stork Visits Colonel Lindbergh

New York, To-day.

Sources close to the Lindbergh and Morrow families report that a son was born to Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh in England on Coronation night.—Reuter.

CABINET CHANGES GOSSIP

London, To-day.

In view of the imminence of the departure of the Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, lobby gossip is busy Cabinet-making.

It is suggested that

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Minister of Transport, will become Minister of Health.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, Minister of Education, will succeed Mr. Walter Runciman at the Board of Trade.

Earl de la Warr will succeed Mr. Oliver Stanley at the Ministry of Education.

Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, will be First Commissioner of Works, and will be succeeded by Captain Balfour, the Conservative back-bencher and expert airman.—Reuter.

EUROPEAN HURT IN COLLISION

Motor-Cycle Smash On Gap Road

Mr. V. A. Itenson was taken to hospital yesterday following an accident on Gap Road.

He was found in the roadway by Revenue Officer Tuck, suffering from head injuries, and it was later ascertained that he had been riding a motor-cycle and came into collision with a car.

It is understood that the injuries are not serious.

CANNY CULBERTSON REFUSES TO PAY

Prospects that any team truly representative championship bridge in America will attend the international tournament in Budapest in June appear somewhat dubious.

The Four Aces team, which won the Grand National, has refused to accept Mr. Culbertson's offer to pay its members' Transatlantic fares, and it is still uncertain whether the Minneapolis team, which was runner-up, will go or not.

The main trouble seems to be on account of the expenses involved.

Mr. Culbertson is unwilling to pay more than the actual fares. Living expenses abroad will apparently have to be met by individual members of the team.

If the Minneapolis team decides it is unable to attend, then the team will presumably be one of Mr. Culbertson's own choosing. It is unlikely to contain any of America's best-known bridge players apart from himself and his wife.

A plague of black caterpillars is causing havoc to crops throughout the highlands of Kenya, and all native maize over a large area near Nairobi has been destroyed.

Vice-Adml. J. D. Nares, R.N. (retd.), has been re-appointed President of the Directing Committee of the International Hydrographic Bureau at Monaco, a post he has held since 1932.

Studio Recital By Gaston D'Aquino

To-day's Wireless

Wickham Steed: Talk On World Affairs

12.30-2.10 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—A Concert.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.
1.25 p.m.—Reuter Press; Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time, and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—A Relay of the Rotary Club Tiffin Speech from the Roof-Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
2.10 p.m.—Close down.
4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7.11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Music.
Tango—Havana Heaven.
Rumba—Cuban Pete.
Slow Fox-Trot—
The Hills of old Wyomin'.
Waltz—
Stars in my eyes.
Eye-Bye Blues.
One-Step—California.
Tango—El Adios del Boyero.
Rumba—Buscando Millionaria.
Waltz—The Family Album.
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—New Gramophone Records.
Band Music—
Belphégor—March (Brepsant),
Wellington—March (Zehle),
Massed Military Bands.

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Songs—
Elegie (Massenet),
Serenade (Toselli),
Ninon Vallin (Soprano).
Orchestra—
The Whirl of the Waltz,
New Mayfair Orchestra.
Ragging the Bags,
New Mayfair Orchestra.
Songs—
(a) Mam'selle Marie (Creole Song), (Guion),
(b) Dere's no Hidin' Place (arr. Brown),
Dusts—
(a) Hammer Song,
(b) L'il David (arr. Brown),
Paul Robeson and Lawrence Brown.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Favourites of Not-so-long-ago.
Where the arches used to be,
Flanagan and Allen (Comedians).
I believe in miracles,
She wore a little jacket of blue—
Fox-Trots... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
"Streamline"—
The First Waltz.

Piano Selection,
Vivian Ellis (Pianoforte).
You're always in my arms,
Reginald King & His Orchestra.
Over on the sunny side,
Hugh Morton (Baritone).
Lovely to look at,
I won't dance—Fox-Trots,
Ambrose & His Orchestra.
You and the night and the music,
Gracie Fields, (Vocal).
8.35 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
Menuett No. 1 (Paderewski).
Coeur-brise (Gillet).
"Indian Love Lyrics"
(Woodforde-Finden).
The Temple Bells,
Less than the dust,
Kashmiri Song,
Till I wake.
Waltz (Durand),
Tiny Tot (Fisher).
The Hermit (Schmalstich).
9 p.m.—A Pianoforte Recital by Vladimir Horowitz.
Presto—Passionato, Op. 22 (Schumann).
(a) Pastourel (b) Toccata (Poulenc).
Etude XI Pour Les Arpeges
Composes; (Debussy).
9.15 p.m.—From the Studio.
Italian Opera.
A Recital by Gaston d'Aquino (Tenor).
"Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—
Serenade.
"Elisir d'Amore" (Donizetti)—
Una furtiva lagrima.
"Madame Butterfly" (Puccini)—
Amore o grillo.

"Don Giovanni" (Mozart)—
Dehl! vieni alla finestra.
9.30 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.55 p.m.—Del Dauber and His Salon Orchestra.
Ave Maria (Meditation), (Bach, arr. Gounod).
From the Old and the New World (Dvorak, arr. Leopold).
Wagneriana (Fantasia on themes of Wagner), (arr. Schmidt-Kothen).
10.15 p.m.—London—Big Ben: A talk, "World Affairs," by H. Wickham Steed.
10.30 p.m.—Variety and Dance Music.
Orchestra—
Serenade in the night,
Alfredo and His Orchestra.
Humorous—
Scientifically, of course!
Murgatroyd and Winterbottom.
Vocal—
Love is like a cigarette,
Kitty Masters.
Fox-Trot—
The Sheik of Araby,
Nat. Gonella and His Georgians.
Vocal—
Thanks a million,
Robert Ashley (Tenor).
Piano Solo—
I was lucky Renara.
Hawaiian—
Sundown in Old Waikiki,
George Elliott's Hawaiian Novelty Quartet.
Vocal—
Sing, Gipsy sing.... Anona Winn.
At the close of a long long day,
Les Allen and His Canadian Bachelors.
11 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A Strength-Showing Bid

"But I had passed three honour-tricks and I had to show you the strength of my hand," was the remark of a rather inexperienced player to her partner after playing the hand below in the absurd contract of four notrump. She thought she was using the four-notrump bid in its conventional meaning of showing two Aces and the King of a bid suit, but her partner construed it as simply making a possible game practically impossible. In further extenuation of her unusual bid, the lady continued: "I had support for both your suits and I never thought you would drop me."

Perhaps South, her partner on this unfortunate occasion, should have bid five clubs, which could have been made, but to him it was amazing that North could have passed the Opening bid and then, without either supporting a suit or showing one of her own, jump to four notrump. Slightly afraid of such unusual things, he decided to pass.

The hand was:
North: Dealer.

East and West vulnerable.

NORTH

S-K 9 8 7

H-A

D-A 10 6

C-Q J 9 7 4

WEST

S-A

H-10 8 5 4 3 2

D-K J 7

C-10 6 5

EAST

S-6 4 3 2

H-Q J 9 7 6

D-9 5 4 3 2

C-A K 8 3 2

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

North: East: South: West:
Pass (1): Pass: 1C (2): Pass:
2NT (3): Pass: 3S (4): Pass:
4NT (5): Pass: Pass (6): Pass:

1—North should not have passed this hand. The correct Opening bid is one club.

2—South's hand is barely more than a minimum but fully comes up to the requirements for an Opening bid.

3—North, having passed an Opening bid, is in some difficulty in finding a good call at this point. She chooses the fairly strong bid of two notrump rather than showing immediate support for the clubs.

4—Of course, South is not interested in notrump with his distribution, and now bids the shaded spade suit, hoping to find an advantageous spot to play the hand.

5—Having support for both suits bid by her partner, North now makes another strong, but very bad, bid.

6—Completely at sea as to exactly what is happening, South decides to pass.

The result, when the battle was over, was that North and South had taken seven tricks and East and West six. In other words, the four-notrump contract was defeated three tricks.

The hand plays best at five clubs, which cannot be defeated. A four-spade contract would be set if a club were opened by West, allowing East to trump it; but even a four-spade contract, though unsuccessful, could not be criticised. But a notrump contract had no chance to succeed.

Had North's subsequent bidding been correct she would not have suffered at all from her unsound original pass of a strong hand. She was fortunate in that her partner opened the bidding and gave her a chance to show her real values; but she should not have attempted to correct her error by such a contradictory bid as four notrump.

The best bids by all concerned would have been: (Figure after bid refers to numbered explanatory paragraph).

North: East: South: West:
1C: Pass: 1S (1): Pass:
2S: Pass: 4C: Pass:
5C: Pass: Pass: Pass:

1—South does not wish to give the full number of Raises in clubs, because a three-notrump contract may seem desirable; so he makes a "One-over-One" response on a shaded suit. This response is practically forcing; and thus there is hardly any danger of failing to bid game.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Swing, High And Swing Low": A romantic comedy co-starring lovely Carole Lombard and dashing Fred MacMurray—a festival of song and music—of mirth and laughter.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"The Charge of The Light Brigade": Warner Brothers' stupendous production suggested by the immortal poem of Lord Tennyson, with an all-star cast headed by Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland, and over fifteen thousand extras.

AT THE KING'S—"36 Hours To Kill": depicting the capture of the last of the public enemies while travelling on a trans-Continental express to collect a sweepstake prize, with Gloria Stuart in the leading role.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Fair Warning": an unusual story of murder and sudden romance in Death Valley with J. Edward Bromberg as the naive detective who solves the startling crime, and Betty Furness and Joan Howard Payne, as the couple who fall in love at first sight.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Tarzan Escapes": starring Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan in a thrilling jungle screen-story.

AT THE STAR—"Human Side": a touching drama with Adolphe Menjou in the leading role, ably supported by Doris Kenyon and Charlotte Henry.

COMING PICTURES

"Mind Your Own Business": With Charles Ruggles, Alice Brady, Lyle Talbot, Benny Baker and Frankie Darro. The tale of a nature writer who has been in his bonnet as well as his column, and a wife who gets him into a tangle that it takes a general alarm to unravel. Coming to the Queen's.

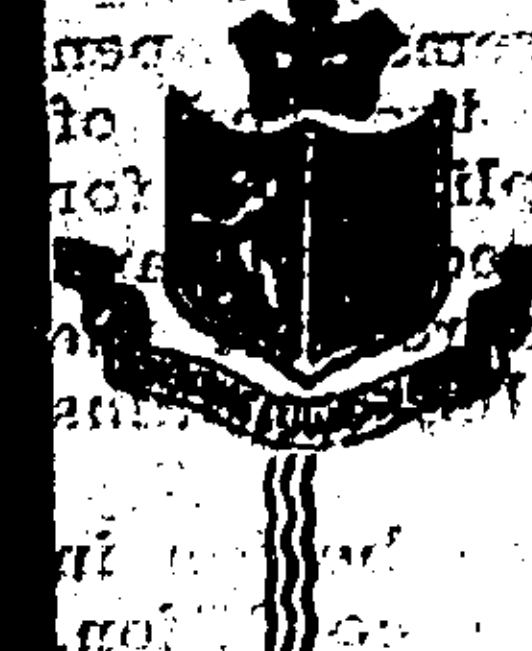
"Pennies From Heaven": with Bing Crosby, Madge Evans, Edith Fellows and Louis Armstrong. The gayest fun-show of the new season. Coming to the King's.

"Mama Steps Out": A girl whom her mother hopes will marry a cultured foreigner elopes with an American crooner. Starring Stanley Morner and Betty Furness. Coming to the King's.

"The Lost Horizon": with Ronald Colman, Jane Wyatt, H. B. Warner, Margo and Edward Everett Horton. A story of adventure, romance, danger and glamour, acclaimed as one of the outstanding productions of the year. Coming to the Oriental.

"John Meade's Woman": a powerful story starring Edward G. Arnold and Francine Larrimore. Coming to the Queen's and Alhambra.

"On The Avenue": with songs by Irving Berlin—a sparkling musical production with a stellar cast of entertainers, including Dick Powell and Madeline Carroll. Coming to Queen's.



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H.K. LOAN WORKS

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AIRPORT SLIPWAY

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Colonial Treasurer is to move the following resolutions:—

That this Council approves under Section 3 (2) of the Hong Kong Dollar Loan Ordinance No. 11 of 1934 the following transfers in the Schedule:—

Item 2—Shing Mun Valley Water Scheme to be reduced from \$10,443,530 to \$9,941,877.98.

Item 3—Vehicular Ferry to be reduced from \$1,930,000 to \$1,915,603.80.

Item 4—New Gaol at Stanley to be reduced from \$4,500,000 to \$4,000,000.

Item 5—Tytam Tuk Catchwaters to be reduced from \$720,000 to \$689,386.55.

Item 6—Air Port Development to be increased from \$975,486 to \$1,007,485.92.

Item 8—Other Public Works to be increased from \$10,338 to \$1,025,000.

That this Council approves the expenditure of \$1,398,731.37 on the various items of Loan Works as specified below during the financial year 1937, which sum shall be met from surplus balances pending the issue of the remainder of the Loan authorised under Ordinance No. 11 of 1934.

Head 2, Shing Mun Valley Water Schemes.

(b) Second Section:—

(3) Gorge Dam \$62,769.28

(5) 2nd 24" Trunk

Main 109,755.56

(6) 3rd Rapid Gravity

Filters 95,001.01

Head 3, Vehicular Ferry 7,636.86

Head 4, New Gaol at

Stanley 465,069.04

Head 6, Airport.

(b) Airport and Sea-

plane Slipway 105,813.41

(c) Wireless Telegraph

Station 62,827.21

Head 8, Other Public

Works.

(a) Central Market 300,000.00

(b) Wholesale Market 190,000.00

\$1,398,731.37

"DISCOVERY" HOME AGAIN

London, To-day.

After eighteen months in the Antarctic regions, the research ship Discovery II returned to London yesterday.

The researches conducted on the voyage consisted chiefly of investigations determining the haunts of whales and a study of the history and habits of other marine creatures in the Antarctic. — Trans-Ocean.

Humanitarianism Urged

London, To-day.

The chairman's sub-committee of the non-intervention committee has decided to appeal to both sides in the Spanish civil war to conduct operations with the utmost regard to humanitarian considerations, it was learned last night. — Reuter.

Saving Whale From Extinction

London, To-day.

Means of saving the whale from extinction were discussed by the delegates of eleven nations at a conference in London yesterday as a sequel to a joint move by the British and Norwegian Governments.

Mr. W. S. Morrison, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, in his opening address, said the Governments concerned recognised that the future of whaling was in jeopardy, and they should make a concerted effort to preserve it.

He stressed that the blue whale and Antarctic whaling industry were threatened with early extinction.

Mr. H. G. Maurice, of the Ministry of Agriculture, was elected chairman. He told Reuter that there was every hope of reaching a successful agreement.

Mr. Maurice said they hoped to secure the co-operation of Japan, who might in a few years become a serious competitor in the whaling industry. — Reuter.

LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETS TO-DAY

Agenda Approved In Two Minutes

Geneva, To-day.

The League Council held no public session yesterday and the first public meeting will be held to-day.

A two-minute private meeting yesterday afternoon adopted the agenda without comment, after which a secret sitting discussed the relations between journalists and the Swiss authorities.

M. Joseph Avenol, the Secretary-General, and the Chinese delegate were commissioned to discuss the matter with President Motta of Switzerland.

The meeting of the bureau of the Disarmament Conference has been fixed for Saturday. — Reuter.

HAY FEVER SEASON BEGUN

The doctors will be engaged this year in treatment at the hay fever clinic at St. George's Hospital, London, instead of the four who undertook the work in 1936.

The clinic, will remain open every week-day until the end of July. Already 500 applications for treatment have been received, and no more can be considered for the moment. A waiting list contains nearly 1,000 names.

The hay fever season begins in the early spring. The condition, in fact, is more often associated with the scattering into the air of the pollen of early flowering grasses than with the hay of later months; it occurs in towns as well as in England.

During 1936 243 patients received three treatments each, and in 95 per cent. of the cases results were beneficial.

OPPOSED TO WITHDRAWAL OF VOLUNTEERS

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The British proposal for mediation in the Spanish civil war, with a view to bringing about a cessation of hostilities, has produced lively comments in Italian political circles.

"The Italian Government," it is declared, "is all the less inclined to support such a proposal since the Valencia Government is on the eve of an anarchist revolution and the Republican Government is consequently anxious to save as much as it can by a compromise."

IT IS A MISTAKE, STATE POLITICAL CIRCLES, TO SUPPOSE THAT SIGNOR MUSSOLINI WILL CONSENT TO WITHDRAWAL OF ITALIAN VOLUNTEERS FROM SPAIN.

It is also asked what damage Britain would suffer in the event of Bilbao, as well as the wealthy mineral districts, falling into the hands of the insurgents.

In Paris, according to telegrams from that city, a certain section of the press also shows little sympathy for the proposal to bring the Spanish question before the League of Nations.

"Le Petit Parisien" remarks that whereas only a few days ago the impression prevailed that discussions in Geneva would take place in a peaceful atmosphere, the situation has now been entirely changed.

GENEVA FEARS

No doubt is entertained in League circles, says the journal, that all speeches dealing with Spain which may be delivered at Geneva will meet with unfavourable criticism in Italy and Germany.

A leading article in "Le Journal" fears that both the Spanish and Abyssinian questions may give rise to passionate controversies.

The well-known political writer, "Pertinax," in "Echo de Paris," observes that since withdrawal of Germany and Italy from the League, Geneva leads only a shadowy existence shrouded in ideological clouds. — Trans-Ocean.

Destruction Of Guernica

London, To-day.

In the course of a long answer to several Commons questions on the Spanish situation, Lord Cranborne said efforts to further withdrawal of foreign nationals had been actively pursued, and the technical sub-committee of the non-intervention committee set up to consider the question had now presented the report.

In anticipation of the report, which it was hoped would enable a practicable scheme to be agreed upon for withdrawal of foreign volunteers, His Majesty's Government had enquired of the other principal Governments whether they would join in approaching both contending parties with the object of inducing them

to agree to cessation of hostilities on all Spanish fronts for a period sufficient to enable these withdrawals to be arranged.

The replies of the various Governments were still awaited.

Lord Cranborne stated the system of observation was working satisfactorily.

Later, in an answer, he referred to the Basque Government's request for a full enquiry into the destruction of Guernica and said the United Kingdom Government had invited observations of the French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Soviet Governments on this suggestion.

His Majesty's Government had pointed out that such an international enquiry could, if thought desirable, be extended to cover other incidents of a similar nature.

His Majesty's Government would be ready to co-operate in such an enquiry whatever its scope.

They had also placed the proposal before the non-intervention committee for an appeal to both sides to abolish altogether the use of bombing from the air in the Spanish civil war.

The views of the various Governments on this proposal had now been received by the committee, and the matter was being further considered at to-day's meeting. — British Wireless.

CONSCRIPTION IN NETHERLANDS

The Hague, To-day.

Sharp criticism of the Netherlands defence measures and conscription system was expressed at a meeting of a patriotic society here yesterday by General Snijders, former Commander-in-Chief of the Dutch Army.

The General declared that the conscription system left two-thirds of Dutch youth without any military training. — Trans-Ocean.

Sir Robert Ho Tung arrived at Shanghai from Nanking yesterday. It is stated that Sir Robert will visit Hangchow before he returns to Hong Kong.

ON THE BILBAO FRONT

Mola Continuing Offensive

Bayonne, To-day.

"Unconditional surrender or merciless war," is the gist of a Note broadcast from Salamanca, in which any possibility of a truce in the Spanish war is summarily dismissed in most energetic terms.

A communique issued in Salamanca yesterday claims that according to Government sources, ten bombs hit the battleship Jaime Primo at Valencia yesterday.

The battleship was set on fire and will be out of action for some time.

The Basque delegation at Bayonne stated yesterday that an unofficial commission of three British experts has arrived at Guernica and has investigated the alleged bombing of the town. The commission, it is stated, has telegraphed their deposition to Senor del Vayo, the Republican Government representative, at Geneva.

AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY

From Berlin it is reported that General Franco will shortly appoint an Ambassador to Germany. Vice-Admiral de Magar, who was for some time commander of the sunk insurgent cruiser Espana, is mentioned as candidate for the new post.

Baron de las Torres, now representing General Franco in the German capital as charge d'affaires, will remain in Berlin as counsellor of the new Embassy.

Similar arrangements are reported to be pending at Rome, where Garcia Conde is expected to become first insurgent Ambassador to Italy.

BASQUE FRONT OFFENSIVE

Another communique in Salamanca says that the insurgent forces on the Basque front are continuing the offensive in the mountains south of the Durago-Amorebieta road.

The town of Yurre is now definitely in the hands of the insurgents, it is claimed.

The Republicans counter-claim with reports of successes on the Guadalajara front, where the loyalists allege they have taken a number of strategically important points. —Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

Complications Feared

Paris, To-day.

It is being strongly rumoured here that the Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, has sent a telegram to the President of the Basque Republic asking for clemency in the case of the two German airmen, whom the Basques threaten to execute.

The telegram was sent, it is being said, in view of the international complications which might ensue if the airmen were shot. —Trans-Ocean.

RESERVE OIL SUPPLY

Dr. Burgin, Parliamentary Secretary, Board of Trade, stated in the House of Commons that a definite start had been made to provide the additional tonnage necessary to store an adequate reserve supply of mineral oil to meet a national emergency.

HISTORIC ENGLISH INN

Haunt Of Dick Turpin

The Crooked Billet Inn, Iwer Heath, is to close its doors as a licensed house but it is to be preserved because of its great historic interest. No one knows the exact date of its construction, but it has horn windows in one part, and this indicates that it dates back to many centuries.

Queen Elizabeth stayed at the inn one night when a storm prevented her completing the journey to Windsor Castle. Later it gained fame during the days of Dick Turpin as a rendezvous of highwaymen.

Situated in the middle of Langley Park, between the Great Bath Road and the London-Oxford Road, it afforded an excellent headquarters for Turpin. Legend has it that a secret passage led from the cellars into Langley Park, and this way was used by the highwaymen when danger threatened.

The old house is thatched and is still lit by oil lamps. The new Crooked Billet has been built a hundred yards away.

Gold From Sea Water

A provisional patent for yet another process for the recovery of gold from sea water has been applied for by Mr. H. E. Bresland, of South Fremantle, Western Australia.

The process, he has announced, consists of coating zinc plates with a potassium cyanide solution of silver. They are then placed in the sea so that they come into contact with the rising and falling tides.

The silver cyanide solution on the zinc sets up an electric action between the plates, he claims. Assisted by the salt in the water, the electrolysis thus established causes gold present in the sea to be deposited on the plates.

When they have been in the water for some time, the gold can be scraped off and the plates cleaned in a very weak sulphuric acid bath. After reconditioning with the silver solution, the plates are ready for use again.

REPORT OF PALESTINE COMMISSION

Expected In Middle Of June

London, To-day.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Ormsby Gore, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Royal Commission's Report on Palestine was expected to be signed in the middle of June.

Government, he said, hoped to reach conclusions without delay, publishing the conclusions and the Report simultaneously.

Parliament would have the usual opportunities of discussing the Report and Government's conclusions. —Reuter.

V.C.'S ASHES REBURIED

Taken Home From Australia

The ashes of Sergt. Arthur Evans, V.C., were re-interred in the Lytham St. Anne's Park Cemetery, Lancs., in the grave of his brother, Corporal J. R. Evans, of St. Anne's.

Sergt. Arthur Evans, who came from Seaforth, Lancs., died in Australia last November. The ashes were brought to England by the Australian Army contingent, who landed in England a few days ago for the Coronation.

When the ashes were reinterred a firing party from the Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire) fired over the grave, and the "Last Post" and

Australian Visit To Flanders

London, To-day.

The Australian military contingent to the Coronation is now touring the battlefields of Flanders.

The party consists of twelve officers, 25 nurses, 23 non-commissioned officers and 90 soldiers.

On Sunday they visited the East salient and laid wreaths on the graves of the Australian dead in the war cemetery there.

Yesterday they visited the Canadian Memorial at Ypres.

In London yesterday the Indian and Burmese contingents had their final inspection at Hampton Court.

In the absence of the Duke of Connaught, Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood took the salute as the contingents marched past.

In Berlin the Canadian war veterans at present visiting the German capital yesterday deposited wreaths on the grave of the German wartime air ace, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, and on the war memorial in Unter den Linden. —Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

"Reveille" were sounded. Members of the Lytham St. Anne's British Legion were at the graveside.

Sergt. Evans served with the "Old Contemptibles." He won his V.C. while serving in the 6th Lincolnshire Regiment, in October, 1918. He captured an enemy gun position, and also covered the removal of a wounded officer under heavy fire.

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Glorifying Yourself

Blackheads (medically known as comedones) are not as difficult to eliminate as one usually imagines. Renewed attention to simple health rules, plus stick-to-it-iveness regarding a carefully planned nightly beauty routine, generally will rid the average skin, once and for all, of these troublesome blemishes.

Blackheads or whiteheads are an indication of sluggishness. Remember that a clogged digestive system is a forerunner of clogged pores, so ask yourself if your diet is sensible, if you taken enough exercise, or if elimination is complete and regular.

Having admitted your health faults and decided to correct them, do this routine every night for a month:

First, wash face thoroughly with soap and water, rinse, then cover for a moment or two with a towel which has been dipped in hot water and wrung as dry as possible. Cover forefingers with clean cotton or cleansing tissues and press out blackheads. Be careful not to bruise the skin, and don't expect to remove all the first night. When you have finished, touch each irritated spot with pure grain alcohol.

If skin is oily (and oiliness usually accompanies blackheads), leave the alcohol on for six or seven minutes, then pat face and throat with skin tonic (astringent if you are past 35) and go to bed. If dry, apply night cream after alcohol has been on a few minutes, pat vigorously, remove and smooth on a mild tonic.

Contrary to what you probably have heard, it is NOT a mistake to squeeze foreign matter (either black or white) out of pores. Remove it, and pores have a chance to shrink back to normal. Leave it there, and you are headed for further complications.

HOSIERY SHADES A COLOUR GUIDE FOR THE SEASON

The latest colours and designs in stockings are in better style than has been the case for some time. The chosen colours of fashion are becoming and fairly pale — to go with the favourite pastel range. All the fanciful colour contrasts have given place to a range of beiges, from palest champagne to peach, parchment, and a very light brown.

The last shade is intended for wear with brown shoes only.

Choice of grey shades is improved and extended. A silver-grey is always there, but the ugly slate colour is now merged into mole-grey and beige and grey alliances. A curious green-grey river shade that works in admirably with lizard shoes is good. Greys in hosiery, in fact, have become as well graduated in tints as the beiges.

Ankles are slender and the tops have either a new sort of mesh or rows of stitching that grip the suspender without continual risk of laddering. For general requirements this season, I commend the

Dinner? Of Course



White sharkskin and navy and white dotted taffeta are combined to make up Diana Gibson's dinner dress. The top is slit to the waist in back, where the dress ties with a perky bow of white sharkskin faced in navy taffeta.

A KITCHEN HINT

The bars of gas stoves worry many housewives because they quickly become red or rusty-coloured.

Here's a revolution—a flame and red-hot-heat-proof aluminium coating solution which provides a bright aluminium appearance, and remains so.

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choice of stockings in fine or thicker silk and lisle selected from the beige or grey lines. The rustic and stronger shades of winter have given way to the tender hues of spring and summer.

With the gold and silver shoes by night the very pale beige grey shades prevail over any matching idea.

For important functions by night I think the exquisite shades in the new long gloves will influence the choice of hosiery.

The finest stockings are ultra-plain. In black a little very fine lace can be introduced on to the fronts — that is to say, when worn with an entirely black toilette.

The lisle or silk-and-lisle country hosiery avoid all the former gay effects. The beige and grey ribbed patterns or tiny honeycomb designs give sufficient light, and shade to form a becoming contrast. Here ribbed stockings are the general choice.

LEGS AND LADDERS

Never buy a pair of stockings—always buy two pairs the same, and then you've got three.

Haven't you ever discarded with tears a perfectly whole stocking with a long life before it because its only companion was incurably laddered?

It's worth having another pair to adopt it, as you'll agree when the door bell rings and your stocking ladders at the same moment.

Half a second to change half a pair of stockings, and you can be down the stairs while your young man is still on the door mat.

And it can happen again to-morrow, if it's your unlucky week — you'll still have a pair.

How Many Colours Can You Wear Without Looking Dowdy?

Bright colours are popular this year—and plenty of them. Some of the Paris dress designers blend as many as three or four in one outfit.

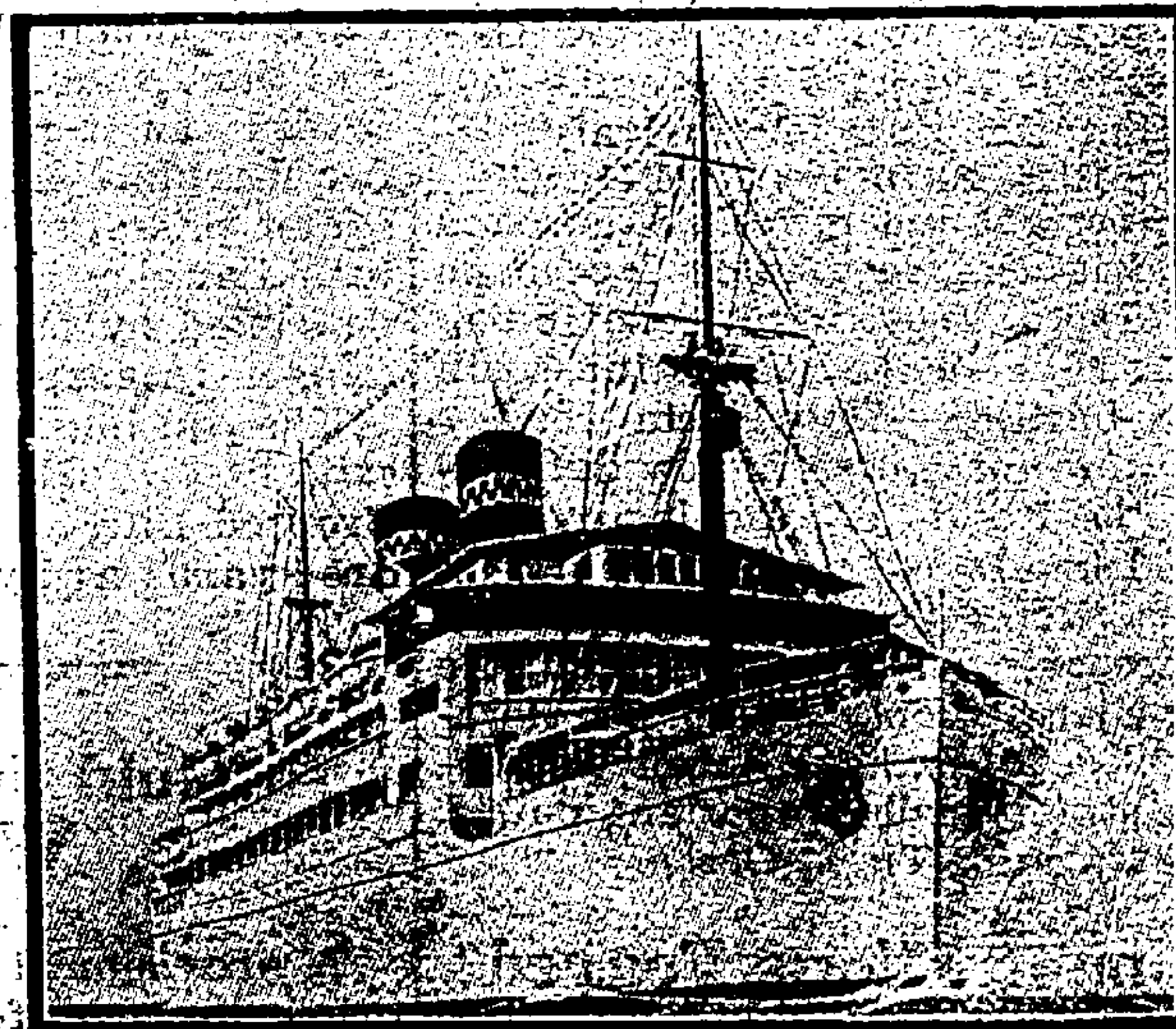
Get your hair and your complexion looking lovely first, and then see if you can wear any of these:

1. Black and white striped suit, yellow waistcoat, magenta stock and belt.
2. White coat. Green purple and blue paid skirt, navy blue blouse.
3. Dark red coat. Lavender skirt. Purple blouse and hem to skirt. Pale blue scarf.

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IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

Sir Thomas Inskip Outlines Coordination Plans

Joint Problems Of Empire Defence

London, To-day.

Although the Minister for Defence, Sir Thomas Inskip, was dealing with the problem of Empire defence at the Imperial Conference yesterday afternoon, he had previously outlined his views on the question at the Empire Press Union Conference now meeting.

He emphasised that the question of defence was no longer the sole interest of the United Kingdom, and stressed the principle of primary responsibility of each portion of the Empire for its own defence.

THE EMPIRE WAS AS VULNERABLE IN ITS PARTS AS AT THE CENTRE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE TRADE ROUTES WAS THE PRICE ESSENTIAL TO EXISTENCE OF THE EMPIRE.

A plan had been prepared to meet any emergency and to maintain unsevered co-ordination between different parts of the Empire.

Little remained to be done in perfecting and training the three defence Services.

He felt the Press too strongly emphasised the vulnerability of Britain to air attack.

Sir Thomas mentioned that 59 Dominions and Indian officers had passed through the Imperial Staff College.

MR. LYONS PRESIDED

A communique issued after yesterday's session of the Imperial Conference says that the question of defence was considered at the meeting of the principal delegates in the Prime Minister's room at the House of Commons. The Australian Premier, Mr. A. J. Lyons, presided.

Sir Thomas Inskip opened the discussion and was followed by Mr. Ian Mackenzie, Canadian Minister for National Defence, and Sir Archdale Parkhill, Australian Minister for Defence. The meeting was adjourned till this morning.

It is understood that Sir Thomas Inskip exhaustively surveyed the organising problem of British rearmament but did not specifically touch on colonial defence measures, which are expected to be reviewed at a later meeting.

The Dominions Defence Ministers, who also spoke, gave a resume of their problems and how they were tackling them; but it is understood that no plans were mooted for a common defence policy for the Empire.—Reuter.

PROMINENT ABSENTEES

London, To-day.

The fifth meeting of the principal delegates to the Imperial Conference took place in the Prime Minister's room at the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, when consideration of the question of defence was begun.

Mr. Lyons (Australia) presided and the discussion was opened by Sir Thomas Inskip, who was followed by Mr. Mackenzie, Minister of National Defence for Canada, and Sir

Sir Archdale Parkhill, Minister for Defence of Australia.

The meeting was adjourned until this morning. The session lasted about two hours.

Mr. Baldwin was unable to attend owing to another engagement and Mr. Mackenzie King (Canada) was absent owing to a slight cold.

The question of defence being under consideration, Lord Swinton, Secretary for Air, and Mr. Duff Cooper, Secretary for War, attended but owing to slight indisposition, Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, was not present.

Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, spoke for nearly an hour and gave a comprehensive survey of defence problems and outlined the policy of the United Kingdom Government.

Mr. Mackenzie and Sir Archdale Parkhill each dealt with the problem from their respective points of view.

At to-day's meeting, speeches will be made on behalf of New Zealand, South Africa and India.—British Wireless.

MACHINE TO HEAR INSECTS GNAWING

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A noise meter, which measures actual loudness by the indication of a pointer moving over a dial.

A noise detector which, by amplifying sound about a million times, can make audible the gnawing of insects deep down in timber.

These are two scientific instruments recently invented by the staff of the National Physical Laboratory and announced in the annual report.

The report covers an immense variety of scientific inquiries, many of which take years to complete.

One interesting item is a warning to all who use such liquids as petrol or benzine to clean clothes. These liquids, it is stated, are able to generate electric sparks by friction, and the rubbing of any fabric in a dish of petrol may produce a spark which will start a serious fire.

STRENGTHENING OF PEACE HOPE

IN LAST SIX MONTHS

Brighter hopes for world peace were expressed by Mr. Churchill speaking at a luncheon of the Czech Society of Great Britain, held at Grosvenor House.

"Cool heads, strong nerves will be required," he said, "but I am sure that, on the whole, the forces of peace have somewhat strengthened in the last six months, relatively to those forces which seem to urge on a general conflagration."

"The balance has tilted. In a way, one may say that a more genial breeze is blowing upon the European world."

"On the other hand, it would be folly to deny that the vast growth of armaments proceeds towards its climax."

"In many countries, especially those which do not rest easily upon a parliamentary system, the growth of financial difficulties keeps pace with the development of armed forces. The root and malignant causes of danger have not been removed."

It was essential, said Mr. Churchill, to build up the idea of a strong tribunal, able to muster, not only public opinion but the armed force of a huge majority of the nations, against a proved aggressor. "There can be no future for the world," he said, "except along that road, laid down by the League of Nations."

The attitude of Czechoslovakia during these critical times, he continued, had been one of coolness and composure.

Other speakers at the luncheon were Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, who presided, the Duchess of Atholl, M.P., and the Czechoslovak Minister, M. Jn Masaryk.

PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS

Minister's Comment

Mr. Oliver Stanley, M.P., President of the Board of Education, was the guest of the Jewish Religious Education Board at dinner at the Savoy Hotel.

"In many parts of the world the last few years have added another tragic chapter to the already tragic history of your race," he said.

"When it comes nearer home—nearer our own shores—and challenges are made to our centuries' old tradition of freedom and toleration, then no one can afford to keep silent."

"It would be the blackest treachery to those hundreds of thousands of men, Christians and Jews alike, who in France and Palestine lie where they fought and died together for the traditional freedom of this country."

"That freedom is all-embracing and knows no distinction of party, birth or creed. But over vast areas of the globe you can look for freedom in vain, and it is a bitter outlook for the world if you cannot even find it here."

Empire Press Union Discussion

London, To-day.

The Empire Press Union Conference, meeting yesterday, adopted a comprehensive resolution on the question of cheaper deferred newspaper press rates for "background" matter.

The resolution expressed appreciation at the action of Cable and Wireless, Ltd., in introducing the deferred press rate to certain parts of the Empire, but regretted the limitations on the special rate for the following reasons:

1. Because it fell short of the Empire Press Union's objective of a penny a word for such telegrams all over the Empire.

2. Because the scope was confined to India, Australia and South Africa.

3. Because it was accompanied by weakening restrictions.

The Council was instructed to pursue discussions in this connection.

PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS

Sir Roderick Jones, Chairman of Reuter's, sympathised with the views of Lord Strickland (Malta) in objecting to foreign propaganda broadcast in English, and suggested that the conference turn its mind to this very grave question and to that of property right in news.

Other speakers urged the Council to take up the matter at an early opportunity.—Reuter.

All Japanese consuls in North China held a conference in the Japanese Consulate-general, Tientsin, yesterday to discuss policy in North China.

Mr. Hsu Shik-ying, the Chinese Ambassador to Japan, has recovered from his illness, and will return to Japan to resume his duties next month.



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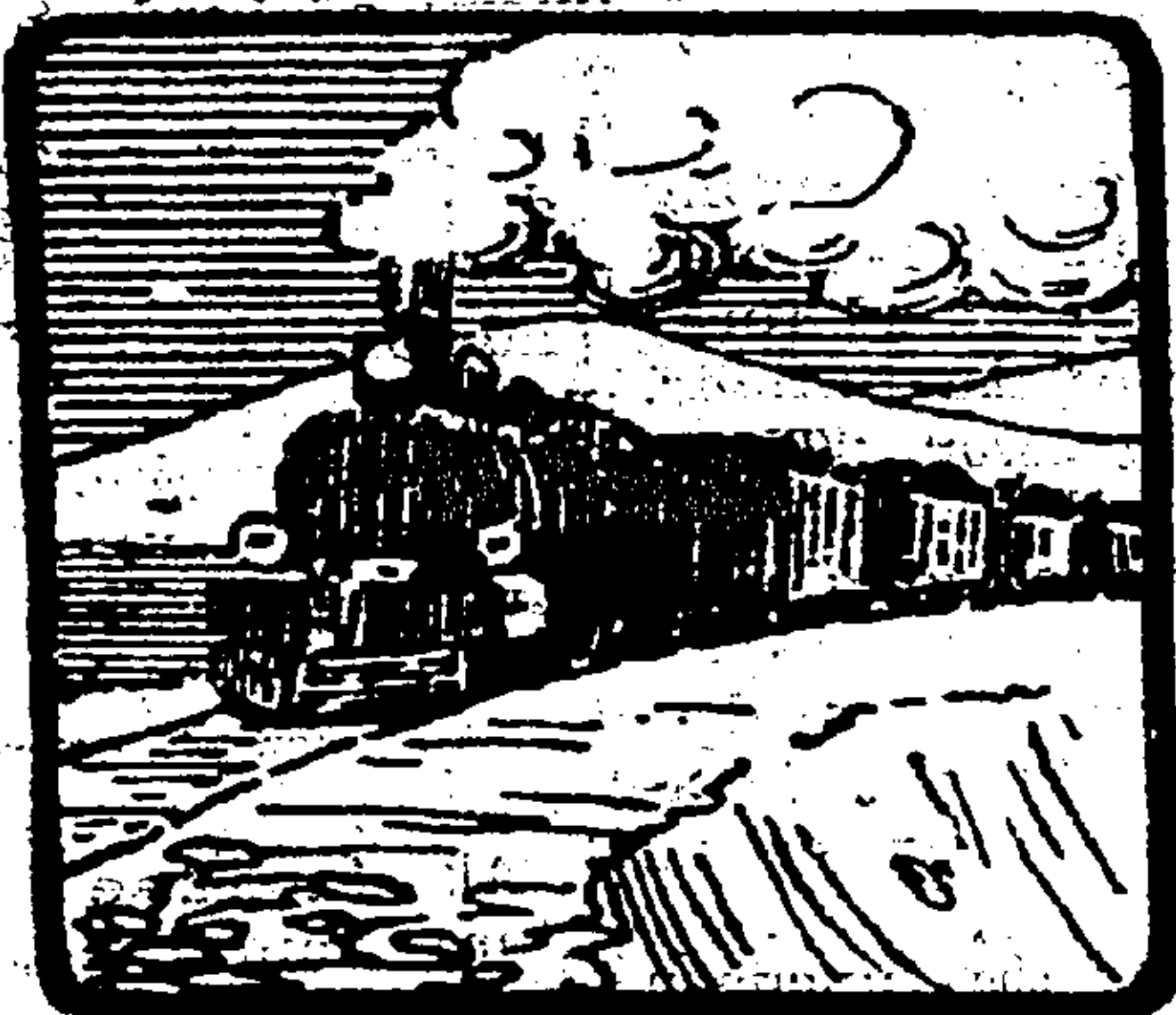
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MARRIAGE

The wedding arranged between Mr. Edward William Loveless and Miss Florence Noreen Cooper will take place at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 5th, at St. John's Cathedral. No invitations will be issued but all friends will be welcome at the Church and afterwards at the reception to be held in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, May 25, 1937.

ARMISTICE HOPES

Commendable in opportunism as is Britain's effort to secure agreement to an armistice between the rival armies in Spain, indications already provided appear to indicate how forlorn is the hope of success. The reason the truce has been asked at this juncture arises from the bid by the international non-intervention committee for acceptance of the principle of the withdrawal of all non-Spanish participants. Diplomatic hopes go much further than this, however; the belief being that if the leaders can once be persuaded to stop fighting, they can be persuaded not to begin all over again.

First catch your hare plainly holds good as an axiom in this case and as plainly, he is destined to prove a highly elusive quarry. Both General Franco and the Valencia leaders have given blunt refusals to consider the proposal and the attitude of Italy is such as would seem to foredoom the whole project to failure. The encouraging feature is the accommodating spirit revealed by Germany, where unreserved support is indicated, and as Herr Hitler, more perhaps than anyone else has power to break the deadlock, it may be claimed that the most sharply defined path to progress remains open.

It is to be observed that since his January speech to the Reichstag, reiterating desire to co-operate with the other Powers, Herr Hitler has done and said nothing provocative, and the earlier Nazi eagerness to support Franco in Spain has been quietly damped down. That the Fascist Powers are "losing heart" may not be strictly true. Nor can it be said simply that they were bluffing and that their bluff has been called. For, viewing the past years of diplomatic manoeuvring on the broad scale, their real objective has been probably to create the soundest possible position from which to "assert equality" in that conference for "a general settlement" which is the only alternative to war.

The present position appears to be that the Fuehrer is content with the position he has achieved and that Italy is not. Their own close understanding, however, may finally be the determining factor and that determination, with Germany so plainly on the side of liquidation of the Spanish imbroglio, may well be eminently satisfactory from the viewpoint of European peace.

Lordly Feelings

Recent rumours have been set at rest by the announcement that the Prime Minister's resignation will take effect on Friday. The question that now, possibly, arises, is, What are Mr. Baldwin's feelings likely to be when he passes from the Commons to the Lords? It is improbable that he will share the regret of Lord Haldane, who on reluctantly submitting to a similar translation remarked with his customary moderation of speech, "I am going to a rather conservative place"; nor is he likely to express himself with the flamboyance of Beaconsfield, who, after three months in the Upper House, lamented that he was "like one dead, and in the Elysian fields." Still less would one expect his verdict to be that of an old colleague of Mr. J. H. Thomas, who after being made a Labour peer groaned, "Oh, Jim, this is a hell of a place!"

The different attitude of those born into the Upper House, so to speak, and those promoted (?) thither was demonstrated to Lord John Russell, who on taking a peerage was told by Brougham, "Oh, Johnny, you'll find it mighty dull here," and by Lord Derby, "Oh, Johnny, what fun we shall have here together!"

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, at a dinner given to him by the National Labour Party at the House of Commons, conveyed a strong hint that he, too, will leave the Ministry upon Mr. Baldwin's resignation. No official intimation has yet been given that the Laird of Lossiemouth will definitely go into retirement, but the appointment of Earl Halifax as Lord President of the Council is being freely canvassed, which amounts to much the same thing.

As far as that goes, there would seem to be an almost dramatic fitness in the simultaneous retirement of the twin architects of the so-called National Government for nothing is more certain than that if it today preserves less than the shadow of its original self, the reconstitution of the Cabinet this week will mean the final disappearance of serious pretence. Certain of the forms may be preserved. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald may retain his office. There will be room for a Simonite Liberal here and there. But no one is trying to persuade the public to the belief that the labels carry meaning any longer.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's fade-out will not be noticed for that, among other reasons; it has long been fairly obvious that his period of usefulness has passed. It may, indeed, surprise many people to learn, by virtue of announcement of his retirement, that he has all this while been holding Cabinet rank.

REALLY,**MR. BOLITHO!**

By
**DOUGLAS
WEST**
In The "Daily Mail"

MERRILY selling up and down Britain is Mr. Hector Bolitho's "Edward VIII: His Life and Reign," published six weeks ago and remarkable for a vein of rather unctuous moralising and for the captious severity of its comments on the last king.

It has overtaken and, except among people with inconveniently long memories, perhaps, expunged any recollection of a substantially different version of the same biography which appeared a year ago—between March 10 and June 30—in the pages of the now defunct periodical *Leisure*, and was remarkable for Mr. Bolitho's warm and apparently sincere eulogies of the same sovereign.

If he values a reputation for consistency, Mr. Bolitho must regret that he ever put his name to such sentiments. A close comparison between the "Intimate Life Study" of last year and the largely recast version of the biography which was published last month reveals some very striking discrepancies. A few of them follow in juxtaposition:

LAST SPRING.

He [Edward] was in the line of his great-grand-mother, his grand-father, and his father. . . . He was morally brave. His conscience was his guide, not his vanity, his inheritance, or his ambition. Many times he showed that he understood not the word expediency, but only the difference between what was right and what was wrong. . . .

He was equipped, in perception and in knowledge, to be a leader, and not merely a great name. . . . For himself his standards were as rigid as those of his father.

THIS YEAR

Harassed, unreasonable, and vain. . . .

Uncertain of values in living, confused over the strength and weakness of human nature, and bitterly resentful of all interference and even affectionate advice, the Prince became a law unto himself. He became increasingly stubborn and conceited over his popularity. Every incident of 15 years of his life had contributed to the weakness of self-centredness. . . .

King George and Queen Mary shared distress and disappointment over their son.

LAST SPRING

We were happy, but not surprised, when we saw him assume his crown with confidence and power.

THIS YEAR

The power in his hand was terrible to measure, and the Government and those who knew him well were keenly afraid.

LAST SPRING

It is always a matter for wonder that his character kept its shape. A sybarite or a trifler would have been destroyed after being hurried about the world as the Prince has been. But the Prince remained unshaken. He took his place in the life of England. . . .

These journeys added something to his character without taking anything important from it. . . .

The gentleness of his judgments. . . . His inner spirit had remained calm through all the adulation.

He was not made dizzy by this praise.

THIS YEAR

He discounted his powers by turning from advice and playing a lone hand. His restlessness and superficial view of human nature still debarred him from realising the difference between popularity and respect. . . .

His knowledge was gathered too quickly and in choking quantities, so that it did not have the opportunity of growing into wisdom. . . .

For some sad reason he was not equipped with the power to judge. . . . While he travelled over the face of the world on waves of compliment and praise, there was a growing undercurrent of discontent.

Mr. Bolitho changed his mind about his former king and benefactor with startling and accommodating rapidity. As a young New Zealander, he made, in 1920, the friendly acquaintance of the then Prince of Wales during his tour of that distant Dominion.

"With the Prince in New Zealand" was Mr. Bolitho's first book, and the first step along a path which has brought him considerable literary fame and, no doubt, a measure of profit. He came to England; the Prince of Wales remembered him.

With introductions to other members of the Royal Family, and access to certain private papers, Mr. Bolitho soon established himself in the not barren field of royal biography.

Books on Queen Victoria, Edward VII, the Prince Consort, and Windsor Castle added to his reputation. It has been no secret for some years that his work found favour in royal circles.

STARTLING RAPIDITY

Mr. Bolitho certainly did not allow any feeling of obligation towards King Edward VIII to deter him from a *volte face* worthy of the Vicar of Bray himself. He can scarcely have permitted himself a backward glance at the panegyric which he wrote last spring, or he would not have stultified himself by making diametrically opposite statements.

Thus, with reference to the then an "obsession," nor any rebuke for Prince of Wales's prolonged absences abroad, he commits himself to these glaring antitheses:

LAST SPRING

The Queen's influence was strong enough to survive the long gaps of separation. The simple relationship of mother and son was strong with them.

THIS YEAR

Even Queen Mary's infinite tact and wisdom could not survive these gaps. . . . His son's friendship with Mrs. Simpson was a perpetual grief to King George.

* * *

Mr. Bolitho has two completely different attitudes towards the standards of life established by the Prince after the war.

LAST SPRING

These standards were in complete harmony with the aims of his contemporaries.

THIS YEAR

These standards were distressing to his father and to older prelates and statesmen. . . . He sought his pleasure in society which was unsuited to the needs of the heir to the throne.

* * *

Blow hot, blow cold. Mr. Bolitho does not attempt to deny the last king's sympathy with the poor and unfortunate. Facts are stubborn things, but Mr. Bolitho puts a new interpretation upon the Duke of Windsor's visits to the distressed areas. There is a marked contrast between the author's eager sympathy and admiration a year ago and the tone of sanctimonious reproach which he has chosen to adopt since the abdication. Here again the contrast is best shown by parallel columns:

LAST SPRING

If compassion ruled his [Edward's] heart, commonsense ruled his head. . . . His balanced judgment and his dislike for self-pity made him turn to the problems of the living as much as to the veneration of the dead.

THIS YEAR

Edward developed an obsession about those in want. He did not consider them in relation to other classes, which was necessary from the point of view of the State. He could not tread quietly or work cautiously, which was the true and helpful way with the poor.

* * *

Really, Mr. Bolitho! There was no suggestion last spring that the then King's ardent sympathy was

How mistaken Mr. Bolitho must have been! Or must we reconcile the discrepancies in the two versions of his book by supposing that the author is singularly adept at trimming his sails to suit the prevailing wind?

At Balmoral

All still closer comparison of the two versions reveals that Mr. Bolitho, having suffered a convenient change of mind about his subject, has made a thorough job of the task of revision.

For example, last spring Mr. Bolitho told us about the former housemaid at Osborne whom the Prince met on the platform of Balmoral Station, and talked to eagerly for half an hour. That has been omitted.

It is a trivial incident, but it rounds to the last King's credit. Perhaps it provided too sharp a contrast to Mr. Bolitho's later view that the Duke of Windsor "broke down the affection of his household by his lack of consideration."

Not that Mr. Bolitho has bothered to preserve even all appearance of consistency between his second thoughts and his first.

He is capable of extraordinary pettiness. He has revised isolated sentences so that praise in one version becomes veiled or open disparagement in the other. Here are three examples of Mr. Bolitho's duplicity:

LAST SPRING

[At Oxford] the Prince began to lose his frown.

[Of the Indian Tour] the *Englishman* was right in describing him as the greatest Ambassador of his time.

... Afraid of shibboleths.

THIS YEAR

The Prince tried to lose his frown. The "Englishman" described him as the greatest Ambassador of his time.

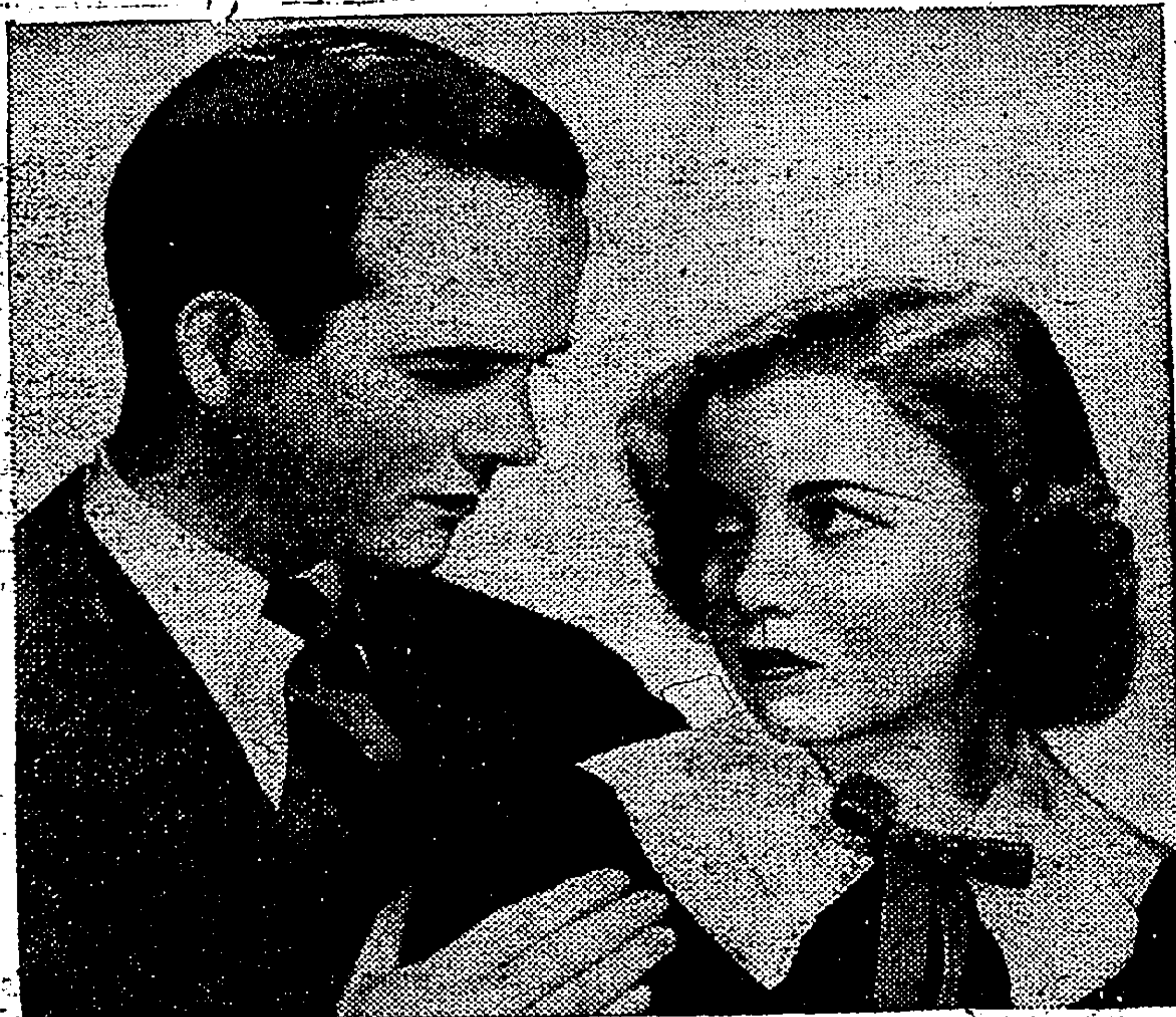
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... inclined to resent all fetters. The public will be surprised to know that Mr. Bolitho is now writing a Life of King George VI which is being submitted for official approval, and they will seriously doubt whether he is a suitable author for such a work.

"Birdman" Killed in Jump



Clem Sohn (above), American parachute jumper known as "The Human Bird," was killed before 200,000 people at an air show in Vincennes, France, when his landing parachute failed to open. Sohn depended on this novel bird suit for most of his downward distance, using his parachute only when nearing the ground.



Eric Linden and Cecilia Parker in a scene from "A Family Affair," with Lionel Barrymore, coming soon to the King's Theatre.

ROOSEVELT GETS NAR

PROPOSED NEW HOURS AND WAGES LEGISLATION

Washington, To-day.

"The time has arrived for us to take further action to extend the frontiers of social progress," declared President Roosevelt in a special message to Congress yesterday.

The Chief Executive's message recommended enactment of the new Labour Law providing minimum wages and maximum hours and a ban on the products of child labour and employers who exploit unorganised labour.

The message did not mention specific standards of hours and wages, which the President has left to Congress to work out.

Senator Black and Representative Connery have prepared the Bill for immediate introduction into both Houses.

The Bill establishes a minimum hourly wage of forty cents and a 35 to 40-hour working week.

Administration of the Act would be supervised by the labour standards of a board of five, who in exceptional cases would alter the standards to individual industries.

The Bill would thus virtually revive the National Recovery Administration as far as labour standards are concerned.—Reuter.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt scored an-

other legal victory yesterday when the Supreme Court, by a majority opinion of 5 votes to 4, upheld the constitutionality of the President's unemployment insurance measures.

The Court ruled that the tax on payrolls to finance unemployment benefits, was legitimate.

Had the Court invalidated the Act, the Treasury would have been compelled to borrow considerably in order to finance the resultant deficits.

It is expected that the Court's ruling will make new taxes unnecessary this session.

The Supreme Court yesterday also upheld the constitutionality of the old age pensions plan.—Reuter.



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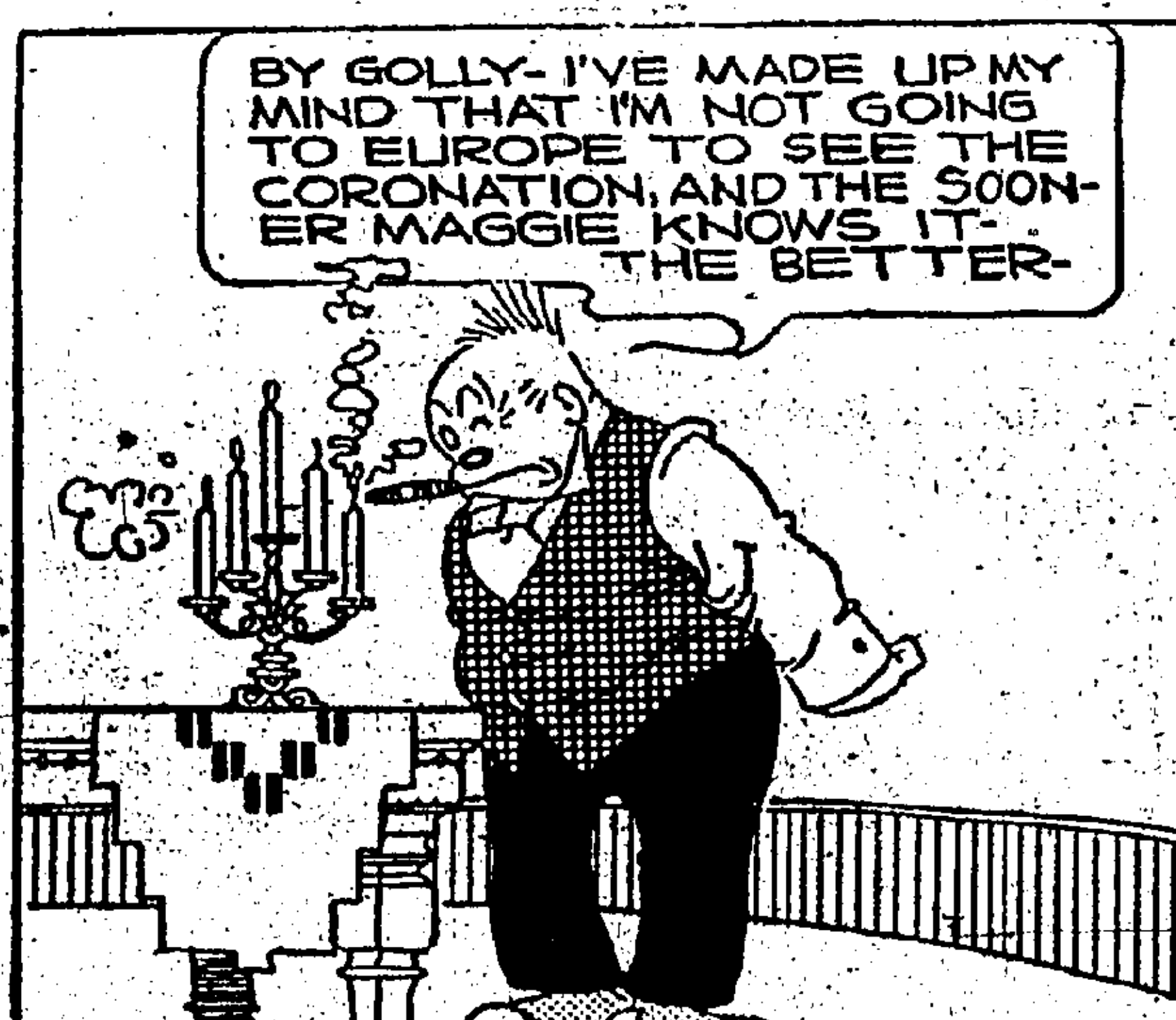
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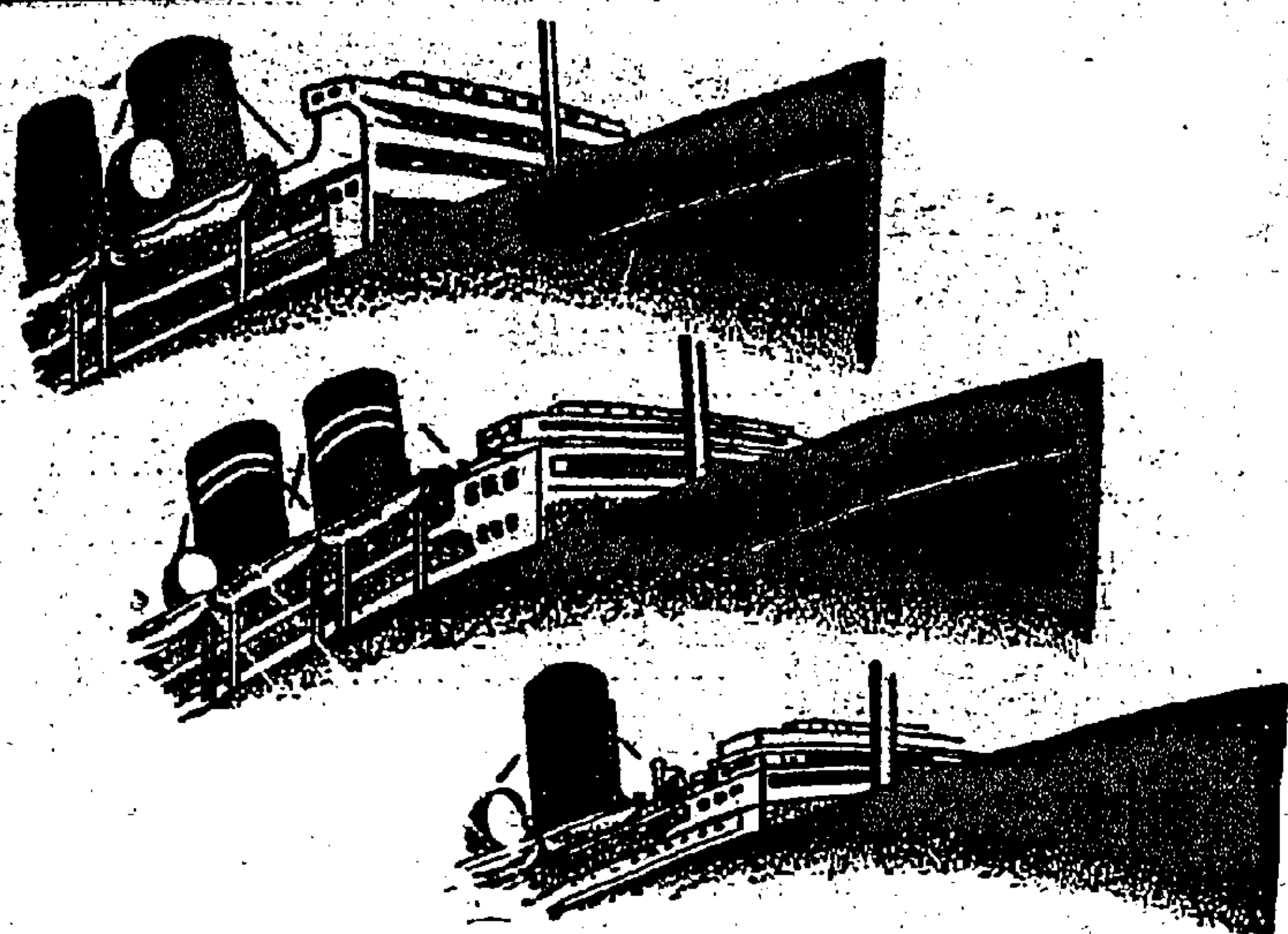
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Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Naldera	Thurs., May 27, 10.30 a.m.	
Siberia	Sinkiang	Thurs., May 27, 11.30 a.m.
Swatow	Pres. Coolidge	Thurs., May 27, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pan-American Airways Plane	Thursday, May 27.
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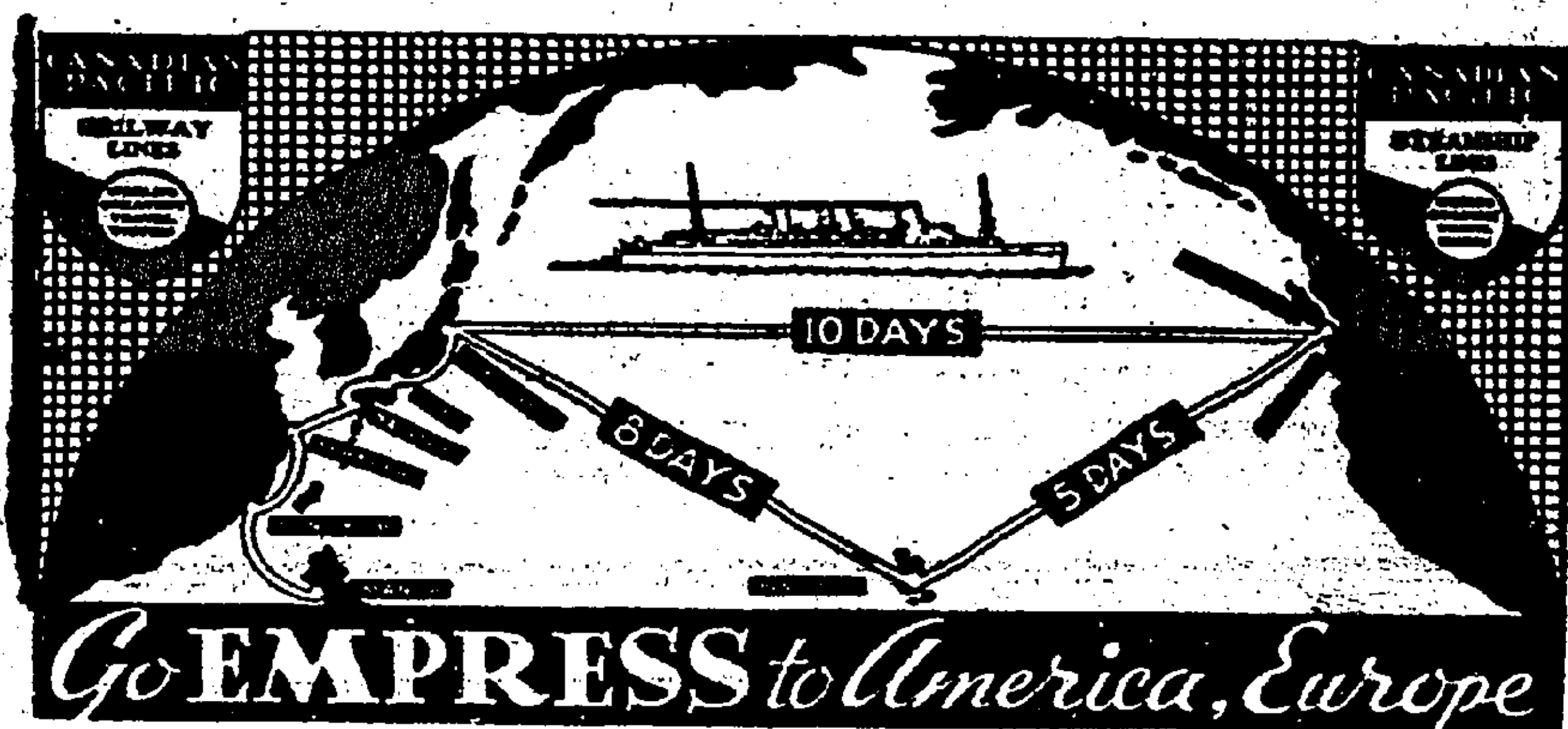
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LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

BANKS	
Hong Kong Bank	\$1885 b., \$1900 s., \$1895 sa.
Bank of East Asia	\$93 b.
INSURANCES	
China Underwriters	\$1.95 b., \$2 sa.
SHIPPING	
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	\$50 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.	
H. K. and K. Wharves	\$119 b.
H. K. and W. Docks	\$30 b.
Providents (Old)	\$2.15 b.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	
H. K. and S. Hotels	\$7 1/4 b.
H. K. Lands	\$85 1/4 sa.
H. K. Realities	\$6.10 sa.
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H. K. Tramways	\$14.85 b., \$14.95 s., \$14.90 sa.
Peak Trams (Old)	\$4 1/2 b.
Peak Trams (New)	\$1 1/4 b.
Star Ferries	\$84 b.
China Lights (Old)	\$14.20 b., \$14.30 sa.
China Lights (New)	\$13.90 b.
H. K. Electrics	\$60 1/2 b., \$61 s., \$61 sa.
Macao Electrics	\$13 1/2 b.
Sandakan Lights	\$12 1/2 b.
Telephones (Old)	\$29 1/2 b.
Telephones (New)	\$11.90 b.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cements	\$15 b., \$15.10 sa.
H. K. Ropes	\$5.20 b.
STORES, &C.	
Dairy Farms	\$25 1/2 b., \$25 1/2 sa.
Lane, Crawford	\$8.60 b. X. Div.
COTTON MILLS	
Shanghai Cottons (Old)	\$h. \$117 1/2 b.
MISCELLANEOUS	
Constructions (New)	45 cts. b.
Vibro Piling	\$4.30 b.

Stock	Opening 10 a.m. in Pesos
Antamoks	1.10
Atoks	30 1/2
Baguio Gold	21 1/2
Balatoc Mining	12.00
Benguet Consol.	11.00
Benguet Explor.	12
Big Wedge	22
Coco Grove	55
Consolidated Mines	0.24
Demonstrations	71
E. Mindanao	23 1/2
Gumaus G'field	17
Ipo Gold	20
I. X. L.	77
Itogons	93
Masbate Consol.	27
Min. Resources	25
Northern Mining	08
Paracale Gumaus	11
Salacot Mining	038
San Mauricio	2.00
Suyoc Consol.	37
United Paracales	65

The R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" is due here from Manila at 5.30 a.m. to-morrow and will berth at Kowloon Wharf.

DOLLAR DROPS FOR THIRD TIME IN A WEEK

Another slight fall in the rate of the Hong Kong dollar occurred to-day, representing the third drop of 1/32 in the course of a week. The demand rate is 1/2 3/4 to-day.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 20 1/4 and "forward," at 20-5/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.9430 and the New York on London cross-rate at £—U.S.\$4.94 3/8.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co. have received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber.

Buyers:	
Spot	35 1/2 down 3/8
June	35 3/4 " 1/2
July/Sept.	36 " 3/8
Oct./Dec.	36 " 1/4
Market: Stagnant.	

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, To-day.

In the absence of any stimulating factors, the Berlin Stock Exchange remained stagnant yesterday, the turn-over being small.

Few price changes were recorded, though the market resisted any tendency to slump. What little business passed was in shipping shares.—Trans-Ocean.

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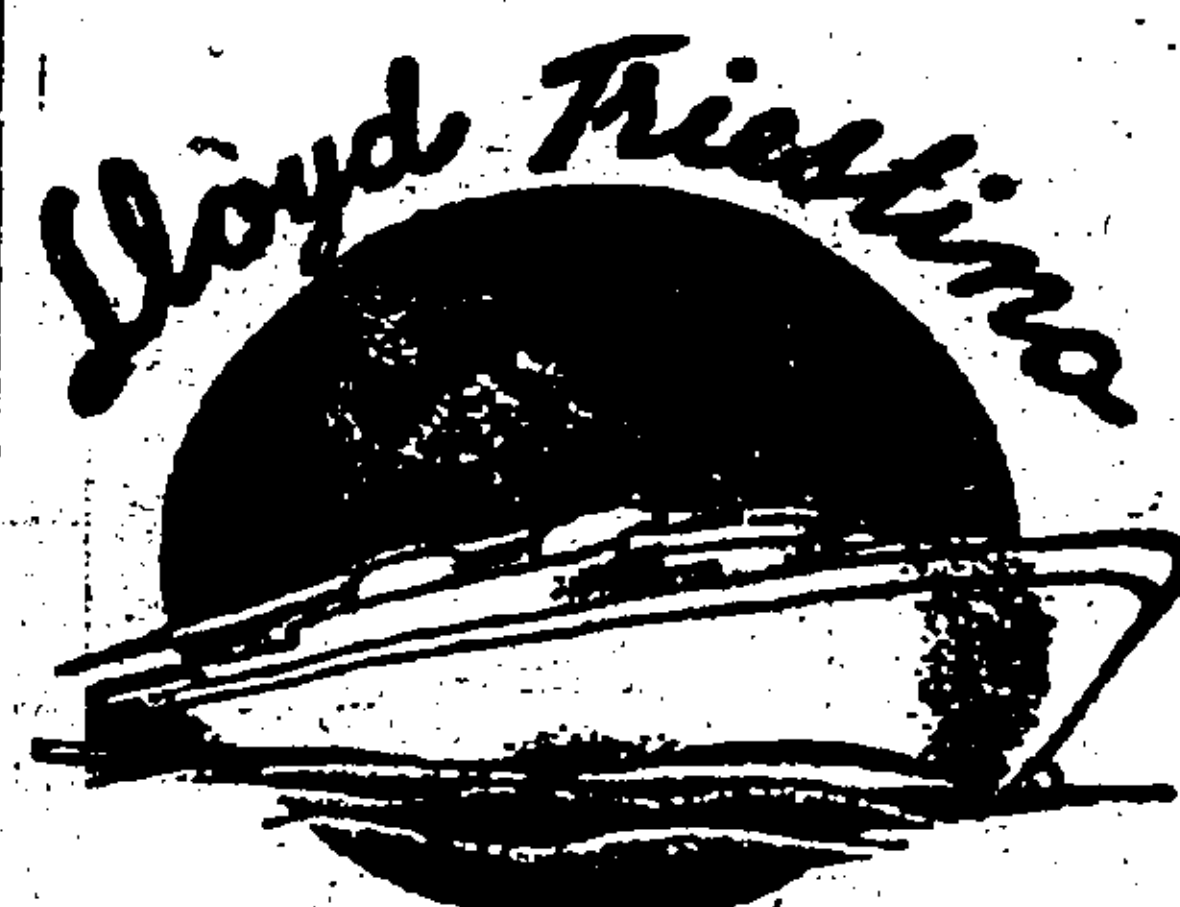
He or she sent a cheque for \$5,000 to Viscountess Harcourt for five seats at the film premiere of "Jump for Glory" at the London Pavilion in aid of funds to build a new operating theatre for the Mount Vernon Hospital for Cancer.

JOHORE IRON MINES

An important discovery of iron-ore has been made in the Malay State of Johore, where iron-ore mines are being worked extensively by Japanese.

The new discovery, it is officially stated, is likely to develop into a producer of the first magnitude.

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After 30 years of study and experiment, Mr. Ban-lem Louie, a Chinese textile engineer, has perfected a new High Draft System for Ring Spinning Frames which, it is claimed, is different to, and a vast improvement on, all previous systems. Application for patent rights has been made to the Ministry of Industry, Nanking, which has set its seal of approval on the new invention by duly registering the patent.

A native of Kwangtung, Mr. Louie was born at Taishan 58 years ago. He went to America where he studied at the Lowell Textile School and won his degree. Returning to China after his graduation, he took up the post of printing and finishing engineer with the Industrial Bureau of Kwangtung. He is now connected with the Wing On Textile Mills, Shanghai, in the capacity of engineer and is a professor of Nantung College. The necessity for a new machine, which would successfully compete with foreign imports, led Mr. Louie into the painstaking research and infinite labour which have now been amply rewarded.

Spring Tensor

The Ban-lem Louie System High Draft is different from all others for its chief characteristic is the using of a spring tensor on top and a fixed tensor in the bottom. It uses a spring tensor to control the top band on the middle top roll and the bottom tensor controls the bottom band on the middle roll, instead of a fixed tensor or a small roll. At the same time, the spring tensor has enough elasticity to control the bands when the roving passes through them. This makes the yarn more even and stronger than any other method. Although the spring tensor has three forms, its efficiency is unchanged. The length of the forks in the A top spring tensor is changed in accordance with the diameter of the middle roll.

Valuable Contribution To Industry

In this construction, a suitable spring is used at the saddle. This presses the top tensor and thus secures a slight reaction from the bands. This being so, the pressure between the leather bands is ideally suitable for cotton fibres, the former working exactly like the two fingers used in hand spinning.

Another advantage of the Ban-lem Louie System is that when the spring tensor is in position, it is not necessary to use different gauges of tensors for spinning the various counts of yarn, and the varying thicknesses of the leather band have no effect whatever.

Of great importance is the fact that the top and bottom bands spin the yarn very clean. This is because they have separate clearers for cleaning them all the time they are in operation. The possibility of these bands getting slack is offset by the roll stands and cap nibs, which regulates them to whatever tension is required.

A valuable contribution to the spinning industry, the entire construction is very simple, making it very easy for changing and cleaning. Other outstanding advantages of the Ban-lem Louie System are reduction in expenses, increased production and better quality.

ANGLO-RUMANIAN TRADE

Banker's Statement

M. Dimitrie Constantinesco, Governor of the National Bank of Rumania, who had interviews in London with the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and the Governor of the Bank of England, Mr. Montagu Norman, issued a statement regarding the financial and trade arrangements existing between Rumania and Great Britain. "Whatever Rumania had undertaken to pay on a public debt basis had been paid up to date. The quota of short-term banking debts was covered. Goods imported from Britain were being paid

COTTON TISSUE TALKS

N.E.I. AND JAPAN

PARLEYS NEXT MONTH

According to report from Osaka, the proposed Netherlands Indies and Japanese civilian cotton tissue trade conference will be held in June, to negotiate detail arrangements, supplementing the basic trade agreement signed provisionally by the official trade representatives of the two countries on April 9.

It is understood that officials of the Japanese Government and the Netherlands East Indies Government will be present at the forthcoming meeting merely as observers, while the Japanese interests will be represented by representatives of the Japan-South Seas Cotton Yarn and Textile Export Association.

To Strengthen Control

Present indications are that the Netherlands Indies interests will ask the Japanese traders to strengthen the export control measures, while the latter will ask for an alleviation of the import restriction law of the Netherlands Indies. It is evident that the Japanese traders will attempt to restore their former share of the business with Netherlands Indies.

The Import Restriction Act of the Netherlands Indies Government which was put into force immediately after the conclusion of the first Japanese-Netherlands Indies trade conference, is aimed at restricting importation of Japanese merchandise and activity of Japanese merchants in the Netherlands Indies, and the business share of the Japanese traders has been limited to only 25 per cent. of the total imports. Thus the business has been almost monopolised by the Netherlands merchants, and therefore, the Japanese trade delegation at the coming conference will endeavour to remedy this irrational situation and to find a compromising point between the Japanese export trade control and the Netherlands Indies' import restrictions.

Table Of Exports

The following table shows Japan's cotton textile exports to the Netherlands Indies and their ratios to the total imports to that country:

Year	(A)	(B)
1929	229,998	36
1930	221,576	42
1931	258,439	54
1932	371,041	66
1933	476,008	82
1934	498,175	83
1935	410,885	83
1936	386,440	77

Note:—(A) Quantity of cotton tissue exports (1,000 yards); (B) Percentage to the total cotton tissues imports to N.E.I.

U.S. Restricts Scrap Exports

The text of the Austin Bill, which is now available in Washington, shows that the Bill itself merely proposes the licensing of scrap exports, with a clear definition of iron and steel scrap. The preamble, however, contains a declaration of a broader policy, which will ultimately provide a basis for restriction of exports of pig-iron and semi-finished steel.

The Austin Bill, which is an amendment to the Schwellenbach Bill, was introduced into the Senate by Senator Warren R. Austin, Republican, Vermont, with the object of placing definite restrictions on the exports of iron and steel resources, including iron ore and iron and steel scraps.

Under the amendment, the President is to be empowered to license exports, in conformity with the policy of conservation of metal resources, whereas the Schwellenbach Bill provides only for the export licensing of iron and steel scraps.

for in the normal way. Speaking later, M. Constantinesco said: "I am very satisfied with the outcome of my talks with Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Runciman. We are all agreed that the present clearing arrangement must continue, and we are hopeful that the working of the financial and trade machinery may get smoother and smoother."

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WIMBLEDON PROSPECTS SUMMED UP

LIKELY SUCCESSORS TO FRED PERRY

MANY NEWCOMERS WILL BE SEEN

MISS MARBLE'S CHALLENGE

(By STANLEY N. DOUST)

WHAT a different season British lawn tennis is facing this year! Perry has gone, and while he has been making his thousands from professional tennis in the United States new young stars all over the world have been piling on the points till now they are a serious challenge to British supremacy.

OUR PLAYERS — BOTH MEN AND WOMEN — IF THEY ARE TO PULL THE WIMBLEDON PRIZES OUT OF THE FIRE HAVE GOT TO PRODUCE A FORM BETTER THAN ANY WE HAVE YET SEEN THEM DISPLAY. "PERRY AND AUSTIN"! THOSE TWO NAMES HAVE BEEN LINKED TOGETHER FOR SO LONG AS THE BULWARK OF OUR LAWN TENNIS PRESTIGE — AND ALWAYS IN THAT ORDER, "PERRY AND AUSTIN."

Now only Austin remains, and on his shoulders rests the great responsibility of holding the fort against all the world players. *I think he likes that responsibility.* Although the season has not advanced far, Austin is now in better form than ever. He looks well trained, and I have never seen him so cheerful.

But about Austin or any other British player winning at Wimbledon I have strong doubts. As regards the Davis Cup I am more hopeful.

Let me start with Wimbledon. In the first place it lasts a fortnight and is much more a physical strain (although not so important or exciting) than the Davis Cup competition, which is only a three-days affair.

SAPS HIS VITALITY
It is usually very hot during the Wimbledon fortnight, and Austin hates playing in the broiling sun. It saps his vitality.

By the time the second week arrives he generally loses, although he has never failed to turn the tables on his Wimbledon conqueror when they have met three weeks later in the Davis Cup.

Reluctantly then, I give the Wimbledon championships to overseas players because, good as are our young promising competitors such as D. Butler, M. Deloford, R. Shaves, L. Shaffi, and C. M. Jones they have not yet arrived at the international stage.

POOR CHANCE
Nor do I think G. P. Hughes, C. E. Hare, F. H. D. Wilde, and C. R. D. Tuckey (players already selected to train with Austin for this year's Davis Cup match) have any more chance of taking Perry's place as the Wimbledon winner than the young men mentioned.

LIKELY CHAMPIONS
Who then will win at Wimbledon? Donald Budge, the tall 22-years-old, red-haired Californian, Adrian Quist, the dour little Australian beat Austin in the challenge round and very nearly beat Perry in the same match last year. G. Von Cramm, the German player who is credited with having the best court manners of any player in the world. H. Henkel, another German, who has twice beaten Von Cramm this year, and Sydney Wood, of the United States, and won the championship in 1931—these names at once spring to my mind as being the most likely to provide the 1937 champion.



Miss Helen Hull Jacobs, above, will defend her Wimbledon crown next June and July against formidable opposition in the person of Miss Alice Marble, also of America, who beat her in the final of the U. S. Women's Singles title.

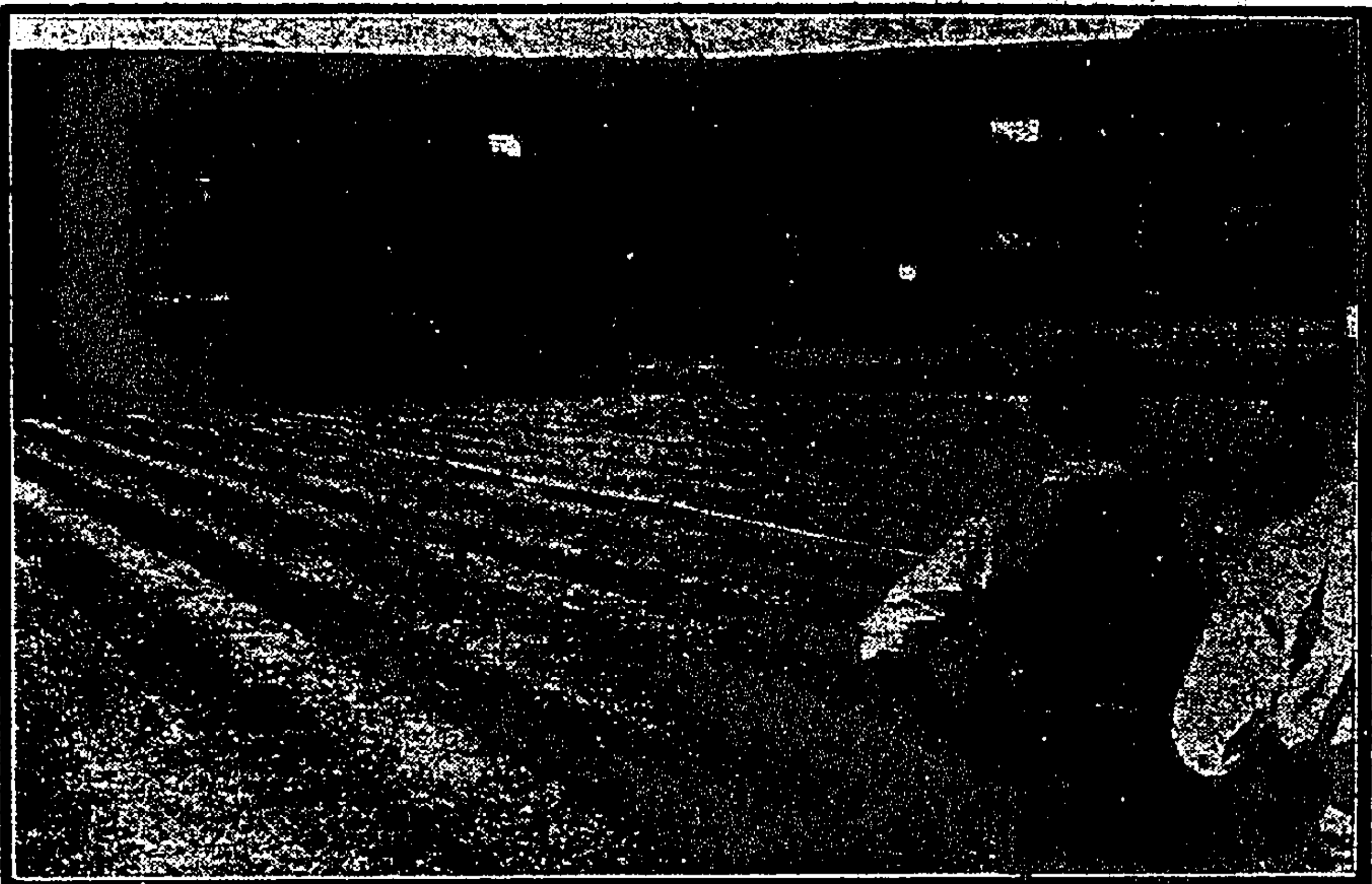
Young Jack Bromwich, the 17-years-old Australian who serves right-handed, takes the ball in his left court with his left hand, and uses two hands for a forehand drive, and Vivian McGrath, the two-handed backhand Australian player, may spring surprises. They have beaten both Quist and Crawford this season in Australia. Then, of course, there is Jack Crawford himself. With Perry out of the way, he might regain the crown he won in 1933.

DAVIS CUP HOPE
Now for the Davis Cup I am an optimist. In this match there are five rubbers, four-singles, and one doubles.

Austin will be required to play two of the singles and no more. The other singles player has not been selected, nor has the doubles pair been decided on.

Why should we be able to retain the Davis Cup this year? I believe things will work out this way: Austin will win both his singles, whatever country challenges British.

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The centre-court at Wimbledon, above, is the Mecca of all lawn tennis enthusiasts during the months of June and July and has for the last four years been the venue for the Challenge Round of the Davis Cup competition.

DOCK PAIRS' AMAZING RECOVERY

OPEN PAIRS BOWLS TOURNEY STARTS

HOSKING AND STONEHAM WIN

The Colony Lawn Bowls Open Pairs Competition commenced yesterday afternoon, when the first two fixtures in the first round were decided on the Kowloon Cricket Club green, H. F. Stoneham and C. B. Hosking beating A. S. Russell and H. G. Cooper by 17 shots to 15, and J. V. Ramsay and J. McKelvie beating F. Ribeiro and J. Basto by 20 shots to 18.

Ramsay and McKelvie made a wonderful recovery after being 11 shots down. After the fifth head, the Kowloon Docks, pair gradually picked up and prevented their opponents from scoring in the following six heads.

NECK AND NECK

The scores were levelled at the 14 all on the 14th end, 15 all on the 16th head, and 18 all on the second last head, after which the winners managed to secure a 2 to enter the Second Round.

The match between Russell and Cooper and Stoneham and Hosking was a very even one, the latter pair passing their opponents on the second last head.

The following are the detailed scores:

F. Ribeiro and J. J. Basto		J. V. Ramsay and J. McKelvie	
Heads	Points	Heads	Points
1	2	0	0
2	0	1	1
3	6	0	1
4	1	0	1
5	3	0	1
6	0	1	2
7	0	1	3
8	0	4	7
9	0	2	9
10	0	2	11
11	0	1	12
12	0	2	14
13	1	0	14
14	1	0	14
15	0	1	15
16	1	0	15
17	1	0	15
18	0	2	17
19	0	1	18
20	2	0	18
21	0	2	20

BASA AND COATES SHOULD WIN

To-day's Bowls Ties In Open Pairs

One of the strongest combinations in the Open Pairs bowls competition will be seen in action on the Hong Kong F. C. green this afternoon, when A. E. Coates and R. Basa, the Craigengower representatives, clash with F. Goodwin and A. E. Silkstone, of the K.C.C. The former pair are likely to meet with little opposition.

Other winners this afternoon should be W. Ward and W. K. Way, S. Eccleshall and A. W. Grimmer, and P. E. Knight and J. Hollidge.

The following is this week's programme:—

(To be played at the Hong Kong Football Club green.)

A. E. Coates and R. Basa v A. E. Silkstone and F. Goodwin.

E. W. Hanlon and J. C. Gill v W. Ward and W. K. Way.

S. Eccleshall and A. W. Grimmer v H. Nish and W. Robson.

W. Hayward and C. H. Gough v P. E. Knight and J. Hollidge.

To-morrow

(To be played at the Kowloon Docks Recreation Club.)

W. Gill and G. Duncan v F. A. Machado and C. Roza-Pereira.

V. Petherick and J. Watson v A. Warr and J. Cook.

J. Gibson and J. Ferguson v N. P. Karanjia and J. Pau.

Thursday

(To be played at the Civil Service Cricket Club.)

G. E. Stephens and P. Morgan v W. Greig and W. Campbell.

L. Glendinning and W. Glendinning v J. Hoosen and A. R. Minu.

L. F. Xavier and C. F. Remedios v J. W. Leonard and J. R. Soares.

A. S. Russell and G. Cooper		H. Stoneham and C. B. Hosking	
Heads	Points	Heads	Points
1	0	0	1
2	1	1	1
3	1	2	0
4	2	4	0
5	2	6	0
6	0	4	2
7	2	3	0
8	1	9	0
9	0	9	1
10	1	10	0
11	2	12	0
12	1	13	0
13	0	13	3
14	0	13	1
15	0	13	1
16	0	13	1
17	0	13	3
18	1	14	0
19	0	14	3
20	1	15	0
21	0	15	1

INTER-VARSITY CRICKET OUTLOOK

ELEVEN BLUES UP AT OXFORD

AUTOMATIC CHOICES IF ALL ARE IN FORM

PROBLEM OF OPENING BATSMEN

London, April 29.

AS it is six years since Oxford last won the inter-Varsity match it is perhaps unwise to be too optimistic of their chances next July, in spite of the fact that 11 Old Blues are available. Eight of last season's team remain, and there are also three of the 1935 team, R. C. M. Kimpton, T. G. L. Ballance and J. Gordon Halliday.

ON PAPER THE TEAM LED BY A. P. SINGLETON LOOKS MOST IMPRESSIVE. THERE ARE N. S. MITCHELL-INNES, M. R. BARTON, J. N. GROVER, M. M. WALFORD, KIMPTON AND GORDON HALLIDAY AS BATSMEN, W. MURRAY-WOOD, SINGLETON, BALLANCE AND R. F. H. DARWELL SMITH AS BOWLERS AND M. H. MATTHEWS AS WICKET-KEEPER. MITCHELL-INNES, KIMPTON, HALLIDAY, SINGLETON AND MURRAY-WOOD CAN ALSO QUITE PROPERLY BE TERMED ALL-ROUNDERS.

It seems at first sight, therefore, that Singleton has little cause for worry. No doubt, with all these players in form they would be automatic choices, but one has to remember that last year Mitchell-Innes could not solve the problem of his opening batsmen, that his bowlers often let him down, and that Ballance, who lost his place to J. H. Dyson, has yet to prove that he can recapture his 1935 form.

On the other hand, that volatile cricketer, Kimpton, injured himself on the eve of the match at Lord's, and his loss probably meant the difference between victory and defeat. If he is in the same devastating batting form this season he will naturally greatly add to Oxford's strength. He has undergone an operation during the winter and is said to be quite fit again.

POSSIBLE PARTNERS

Singleton, first of all, has to find someone to go in first with Barton, as it is assumed he will want to keep Mitchell-Innes for No. 3 or No. 4, his proper place. There are two players among the Seniors either of whom may step into the breach. P. G. Foster, the Old Wykehamist, and E. J. H. Dixon, of St. Edwards School, were both given chances last year, and showed the greatest promise, Foster as a glorious stroke player and Dixon as a determined plodder with an excellent defence.

Lack of experience cost them their places, but there is always the possibility that they may be much better cricketers in their second year.

If Singleton can find two players who can consistently give the side a good start, Oxford, with their wealth of talent, will be a very much stronger side than in 1936. I emphasise this point because nearly everything hinges on it.

D. M. MATTHEWS

Another senior who will make a big fight to get into the eleven is D. M. Matthews, the powerful left-hander and all-rounder from Felsted. He had a wonderful school record in 1935, but did not come into the reckoning at Oxford last summer, disappearing after being picked for the first match.

Then there are, as batsmen, D. E. C. Steel, former captain of Rugby, W. H. Bell (Uppingham), C. L. Edgson, who has had a trial for Leicestershire, J. D. Eggar, an ex-Winchester captain, F. M. Forster (Wellington), B. L. Cumming, a



South African, A. P. D. Montgomery (Repton), and the Australian, D. O. Hay.

MELVILLE'S COUSIN

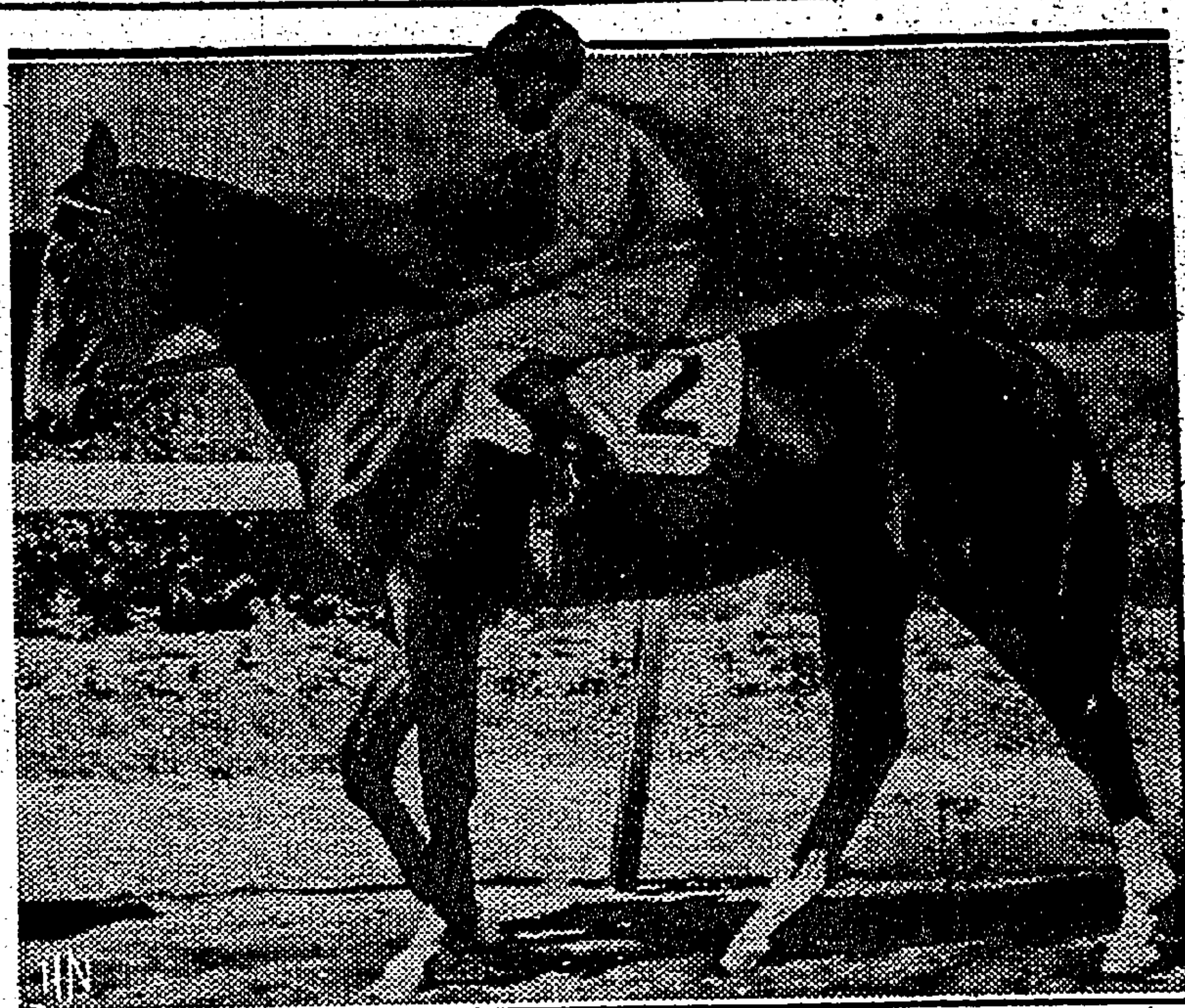
Cumming played on the tour last year, and later played for Sussex. There are many who think he has an excellent chance to get into the eleven, as, besides his promise as a batsman, he is keen and clever in the field. He is a cousin of Alan Melville, the old Oxford and Sussex captain.

There are a number of useful bowlers, too, among the Seniors, notably R. B. Scott, the new captain of golf, B. J. W. Hill, and P. M. Whitehouse, both of whom have played for Kent second eleven, R. West, who has some pace off the pitch, and I. N. R. Shield.

NOT UP TO AVERAGE

The Freshmen, on the whole, do not seem, judged on their school records, to be up to the average. It may be recalled that last season Mitchell-Innes found it necessary to take the unprecedented course of abandoning the Freshmen's match on the second day owing to the sad quality of the bowling. One hopes the match begun yesterday will be spared a similar fate. In judging last year's school cricketers, it must be borne in mind that the weather was atrocious and that a good many school sides were hit very hard by epidemics. It may, therefore, prove that many of this year's Freshmen are better than their school averages suggest.

A player who looks like being quite outstanding is H. D. Freakes, the South African. Though better known as a Rugby player—he gained a Blue and an international trial in his first season in English Rugby—he is no mean cricketer. He has scored two centuries in State cricket in South Africa.



"Ptolemy," son of "Whichone" and "Thais," carried the silks of Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney to the post in the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs.

BIG GOLF TOURNEY FOR LEEDS

Next year's English amateur golf championship will be played over the Moortown Course, Leeds.

WIMBLEDON PROSPECTS SUMMED UP

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ain. Of the remaining three rubbers Britain should at least win one, and victory is then ours.

And now about the women stars. To find the Wimbledon Singles champion we have to discover, I think, the girl who can beat Mme. Sperling, the former Fraulein Krahwinkel, who was last year's finalist.

MISS MARBLE'S DEBUT

The public will see this year for the first time Miss Alice Marble, of California, who deprived Miss Helen Jacobs of her American title last September. Miss Marble is very tall, extremely graceful, and hits the ball harder than many men.

She stands a very good chance indeed, but there are others.

Miss Jacobs, the present holder, despite her defeat by Mme. Mathieu in the recent Greek championship, will take a lot of beating.

I am not despondent, either about our own players. Miss Dorothy Round, Miss K. Stammers, and Miss M. Hardwick are a very strong trio, all hard hitters and dour fighters.

Senorita Anita Lizana is to be considered too. But Mme. Sperling has the beating of them all.

WINNING SHOTS

This very tall woman has been the 10-miles cross-country running champion of Germany and is therefore able to cover the court quicker and maintain her stamina longer than most players.

This advantage allied to her long reach, relentless steadiness, and ability to force winning shots, makes her a most formidable opponent.

Our players' best would beat the German woman, but unfortunately lack of consistency has too often been the downfall of British hopes.

DOUBLES OURS

In the doubles our women can and should win. Miss Freda James and Miss K. Stammers are the holders of this title and they are

GOOD SWIMMING WITNESSED AT NORTH POINT

Robert Chan Wins C.B.C. 50 Yards

Although there were only two non-handicap events in the swimming programme held at the Chinese Bathing Club, North Point, last night, some good swimming was witnessed by a large gathering under almost perfect conditions, the almost full-moon adding to the spirit of the function.

Robert Chan was in splendid fettle in the Men's 50 Metres free-style championship which he won from Tsang Ho-fook, the previous holder, in 29 1/5 secs., while Miss Leung Yuk-chan won the Ladies' event over the same distance in 38 3/5 secs., which is fairly good time for the beginning of the season.

The two novelty events were the highlights of the lighter side of the programme and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Mr. Sing Shiu-sau, a member of the committee presented the awards at the end of the meeting.

Men's 50 metres Free Style Championship.—1, Robert Chan; 2, Tsang Ho-fook; 3, Chan Wing-kai. Time: 29 1/5 secs.

Women's 50 metres Free Style Championship.—1, Leung Yuk-chan; 2, Leung Yuk-fong; 3, Leung Sui-ching. Time: 38 3/5 secs.

Men's 200 metres Breast Stroke Handicap.—1, Enrique Chan; 2, Fong Chung-yin; 3, Lau Sut-kun.

Women's 100 metres Breast Stroke Handicap.—1, Cheung Pui-chan; 2, Pun Ying-hung; 3, Mok Wun-king.

Men's 50 yards Derby Race.—1, Robert Chan; 2, Chan Wing-kai; 3, Tsang Ho-fook.

Men's 50 Yards Feet First Race.—1, Chan Man-po; 2, Robert Chan; 3, Chan Wing-kai.

100 Metres Mixed Relay Race.—1, Miss Leung Yuk-chan and Chan Chung-kong; 2, Miss Chan Fung-hing and Robert Chan.

likely to retain it.

The Davis Cup, then, and the Women's Doubles at Wimbledon look fairly certain British victories.

For the rest it is up to our young players to produce that brilliant form which could carry us to success in this Coronation year, when of all times we should strive our utmost to lead the world.

ENGLISH COUNTY CRICKET TITLE

SOMERSETSHIRE BRIGHTER

GLOUCESTER'S PROMISING YOUNG TALENT

C. F. WALTERS' CONTINUED ABSENCE

(By THOMAS MOULT)

London, April 30.

BY this time next week the bulk of the counties will have returned to action for the cricket campaign, which begins with five first-class fixtures on Saturday. Which county will make the readiest response to the recent demand from Lord Hawke, of Yorkshire, and Sir Charles Hyde, of Warwickshire, as Club Presidents, for brisker work on the field of play?

THE QUESTION CAN BE PARTLY ANSWERED ALREADY—BY RECALLING THE MORE ATTRACTIVE SIDES OF LAST YEAR, WITHOUT PANDERING IN ANY WAY TO THE CRAZE FOR NOVELTIES—LOUD SPEAKERS AND THE LIKE—THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH A GAME WHICH, AS SIR STANLEY JACKSON SAYS TRULY, WILL LOSE NONE OF ITS POPULARITY IF IT IS PROPERLY PLAYED. DERBYSHIRE (THE CHAMPIONS), SOMERSETSHIRE, ESSEX, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, WORCESTERSHIRE, SURREY—AND, OF COURSE, YORKSHIRE, IF ONLY FOR THEIR FIELDING, AND KENT, FOR THEIR WELL-VARIED BATTING—WERE ALWAYS THE CROWD'S FAVOURITES.

Perhaps Somersetshire ought to head my list, for the hearty and sparking wind of the West Country blew wherever they went, and especially were their own crowds delighted by them. If the ghost of "Sammy" Woods watched them, it must have been a happy ghost.

They fought as he would fight, carefree but strongly, and they were rewarded by reaching the seventh place in the championship—a jump of seven places since the previous summer. Gone is their reputation as one of the weaker counties, and if they can stabilise the team by keeping the same eleven together, that reputation will not return.

FIVE BLUES FOR SOMERSET
The regular players suffered from the irregular addition of amateurs, who were introduced so frequently and unsystematically that as many as 34 names figured in the season's record, 24 being those of amateurs.

But the advantage of keeping a team together as often as possible is so obvious that it will have been realised ere now by the Somerset Committee, and the players who are entitled to a greater security in the team are again available under R. A. Ingle's captaincy.

A unique feature in county cricket is that five Varsity Blues will join the side sooner or later—N. S. Mitchell-Innes and J. W. Seamer, of Oxford, and R. J. O. Meyer, J. H. Cameron, and E. F. Longrigg, of Cambridge. Luckes, the wicket-keeper, takes a benefit when Middlesex play at Weston-super-Mare on Aug. 4.

"COUNTY OF GRACES"
"Gloucestershire—the county of

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A similar argument was advanced for the rearrangement of the Jockey Club Cup and the Champion Stakes. He hoped that under the new procedure owners might run their horses in the Cup in their preparation for the Cesarewitch, more so as there would be no penalty in the Cesarewitch for the winner of the Cup.



In London the German champions in couple skating Herber and Baier again won the world's championship. They displayed a completely new repertoire and demonstrated clearly their superiority over all the other competitors.

Cambridgeshire Before Cesarewitch

JOCKEY CLUB'S DECISION

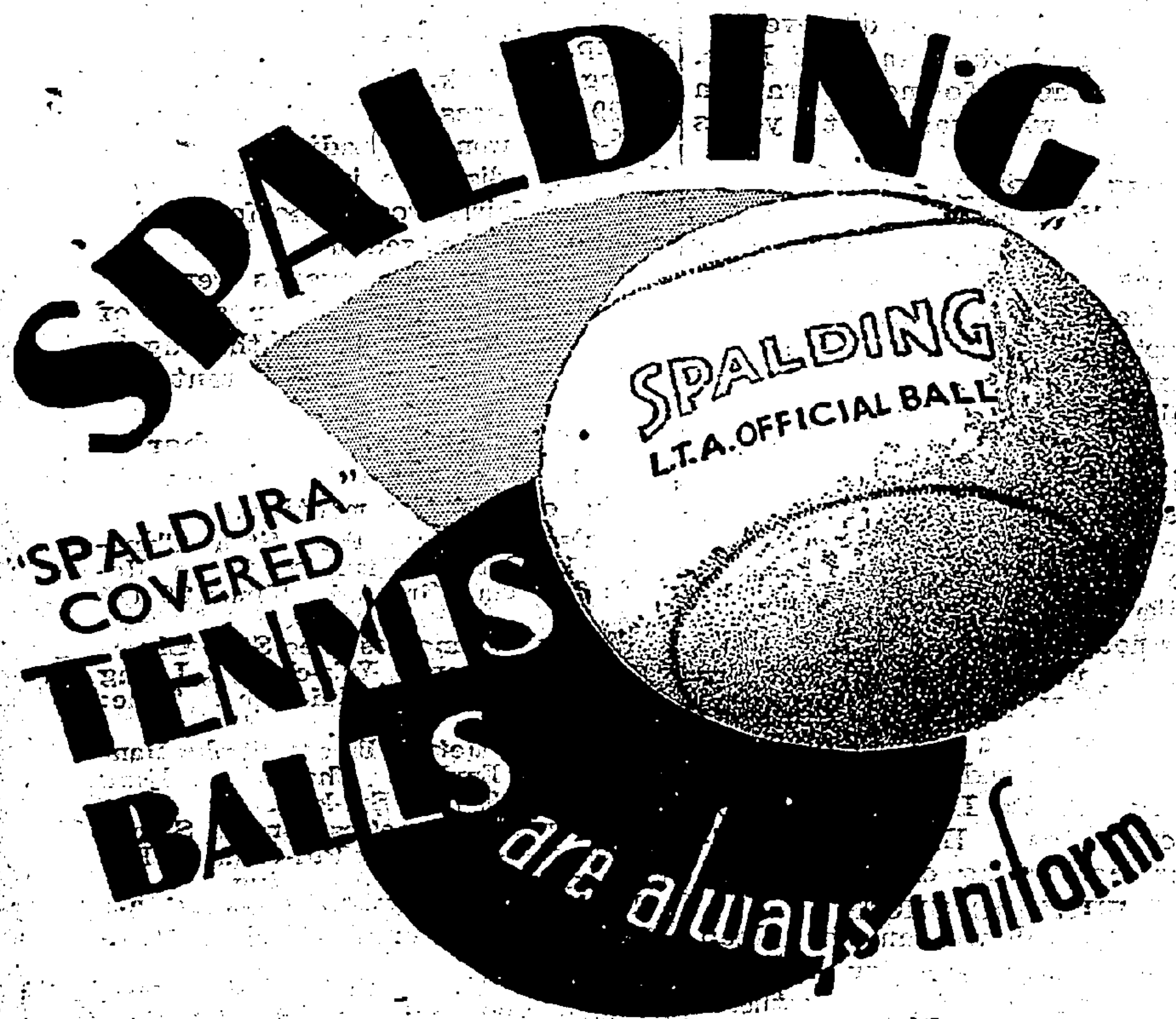
London, April 30.

IN future the Autumn double will be known as the "Cambridgeshire and Cesarewitch," as the Jockey Club agreed on Wednesday to the Cambridgeshire and the Jockey Club Cup being decided a fortnight before the Cesarewitch and Champion Stakes.

The proposal was made in the first instance by Mr. James A. de Rothschild last December. He suggested that if the shorter race were run first many owners with the ambition of achieving the "double" might run their horses again in the Cesarewitch.

He supposed that it was because of the way races were run nowadays that it appeared more difficult to run a horse over the shorter course when he had been trained and raced over the longer course a fortnight previously.

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the Graces, you know!" That is how Sir James Barrie described it in one of his early plays, but a more modern reference would be to the county of Hammond and Barnett.

Recalling their batsmanship in full bloom, it is no wonder Gloucestershire are rivals of their West Country kinsmen from Somerset in attractiveness. Again it is pleasant to be able to speak of success in relation to a side who play the game for the game's sake. Two summers since they finished fifteenth in the championship; last year they finished fourth—next to Yorkshire.

A shadow fell on their sunny climax in 1936, though: D. A. C. Page, the captain, who helped the club through a difficult time, was killed in a motor smash at the very end of the season. His successor will be B. O. Allen, a Cambridge Blue, who bats stylishly and fruitfully.

SUSSEX OVERBURDENED
Allen will be supported by all the regular members, except Dacre, who has resigned, and several young players are ready to stand their trial. E. H. Lyon, D. N. Moore and G. W. Parker are expected to appear more frequently, and the county's only serious need is a fast bowler.

We used to think of Sussex almost first among the popular counties, and there is no reason why they should not regain an enviable distinction. Maurice Tate is still an outstanding personality, and

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With a good toss, President Roosevelt is shown above ready to pitch out the first ball of the 1937 baseball season in Washington. At left is Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, while at the right is Bucky Harris, manager of the Senators. Connie Mack, white-haired manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, is second from the right.

LE KSAR DERBY FAVOURITE

Easy Win In "Guineas"

Newmarket, April 29.
After the race for the Two Thousand Guineas here this afternoon the winner, Le Ksar, a French colt owned by M. E. de St. Alary, was made a 5 to 1 favourite for the Derby, to be run at Epsom on June 2.

Le Ksar won in a canter by four lengths from another French-bred colt, M. M. Boussac's Goya II, with Mrs. G. B. Miller's Mid-day Sun third. The betting was: 20-1 Le Ksar, 7-1 Goya II, 25-1 Mid-day Sun. Never before have two French-bred colts beaten the pick of the English three-year-olds, although Rodosto won the Two Thousand Guineas in 1933 and Durbar II the Derby in 1914.

U.S. DAVIS CUP TEAM TO MEET AUSSIES

Bobby Riggs Is Eliminated

New York, May 19.

Don Budge, Gene Mako, Frankie Parker and Bryan "Bitsy" Grant will play for the United States against Australia in the North American zone finals of Davis Cup competition next week, it was announced to-day.

The Australian team will comprise Jack Crawford, Vivian McGrath, John Bromwich and Adrian Quist.

Bobby Riggs, Los Angeles school-boy sensation, was eliminated from possible competition in the finals when he lost to Parker in three straight sets last Saturday.

The winner of next week's five matches will go to Europe to face the winner of the European zone finals. The victors in these matches will then meet England, the defending champion.

English County Cricket Title

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they play their matches on some of the most delectable grounds in the land.

But they have lost Alan Melville for good, although B. L. Cumming, of Oxford University, may make up for the loss of a stylish run-getter who tried hard to lift the burden of responsibility from his professional comrades.

MECHANISED MUSIC

If the brothers Langridge and the brothers Parks would not exaggerate that burden, and if Cook and Cox could devote themselves to their natural game as batsmen, the innovation of mechanised music to attract the crowds to Hove would quickly be proved unnecessary.

Wensley, Pearce and Greenwood are county players no longer, Cook's benefit match is fixed for Aug. 11 against Warwickshire. A. J. Holmes will be captain for the second year.

If Nottinghamshire can maintain their batting excellence in a way they failed to do last July after reaching the top place in the championship, they ought to be well in the running as Derbyshire's successors. Eight summers have passed since they won the laurel — for the only time in 80 years.

BRIGHT NOTTS PROSPECTS

The competitive atmosphere of the Midlands and North-country makes success in this regard more important to them than if they belonged to the South, where certain counties have shivered in their shoes at the very thought that they possess a chance of the title. Consequently, Notts have suffered from depression rather longer than is good for them.

Fortunately, however, they now own a skipper, G. F. Heane, who has the same gift of leadership that belonged to Arthur Carr, and he is getting the best out of his

men. All the old stalwarts are at his service, including Keeton, Harris and Walker, Larwood and Voce — and Arthur Staples, who takes the Yorkshire match (lucky man!) for his benefit in July.

NO YOUNG TALENT

The rouble with Nottinghamshire is that the Trent Bridge cupboard has been almost bare of young talent. Consequently they had to call on the police for help — in other words, G. W. Robinson, who previously left the ground staff to join the county constabulary!

Warwickshire are one of the counties who have declared their intention of playing more aggressively this summer. They may do so without much risk, for their record could hardly be poorer than it was in 1936.

Illness and loss of form made a big difference to the side, but Paine, who was kept out of many matches, and R. E. S. Wyatt, who spent much of the season trying to recover his old power, are not likely to be found wanting this summer. Paine's return to fitness means that the old variety in attack may be expected, especially as Hollies will no longer be unsupported in his slow bowling.

Courageous as ever, and fresh from their latest triumph over the financial adversity that in the autumn threatened their very existence, Leicestershire hope to bridge the gulf that separates them in the championship from their high place two seasons since, when they finished sixth.

COSMOPOLITAN WORCESTER

The expectation that Worcestershire would welcome back C. F. Walters this season appears to have been without foundation. What a loss to cricket his continued absence means!

Still, Worcestershire are a delightful side to watch, and the

KENNERLEY WINS SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

Secure Double After Winning Billiards

For only the third time the amateur billiards and snooker championships have been won by the same player. K. Kennerley, the Birmingham engineer, who won the billiards title a few weeks ago, completed the double at Burroughes Hall, London, last night, when he beat W. H. Dennis, of Nottingham, in the amateur snooker title final by six frames to three.

In 1919 and 1930 Sidney Fry and Laurie Steeples won both championships. In the first session yesterday Kennerley led by three frames to two, and after Dennis had drawn level by taking the first at night, Kennerley won the next three for the match. Scores (Kennerley first): 57-34, 70-17, 63-26, 53-44, 54-59, 21-45, 100-8, 57-16, 58-44.

Hon. C. J. Lyttelton has again rallied round him the rather cosmopolitan eleven who at least maintained the position in the table they gained during the previous campaign.

LOSS OF PHILIP MEAD

The loss of Philip Mead is bound to weaken the solidity of Hampshire. They now resemble a forest of good wood without the familiar oak tree. The other stalwarts, under R. P. Moore, will have hard work in trying to hold on to the tenth place in the table — above Lancashire! — to which they rose, incidentally, from the 16th.

For three years in succession Northamptonshire have won the wooden spoon. Their depression was increased through the sad motor accident which resulted in the death of R. P. Northway and grave injuries to Bakewell.

Fortunately, Bakewell has recovered sufficiently to play again when Northamptonshire open their season next week at Lord's, against Middlesex.

LATEST DERBY BETTING

Perifox Drops To Third Favourite

London, To-day.

The following is the Victoria Club call-over on the Derby, to be run at Epsom on June 3:—

5 to 1 Le Ksar.
15 to 2 Cash Book.
9 to 1 Perifox.
21 to 2 Goya II.
100 to 6 Solfo taken and offered.
100 to 6 Midday Sun taken and offered.
100 to 6 Fairford offered, 20 to 1 taken.
20 to 1 Le Grand Duc offered, 22 to 1 taken.
22 to 1 Renardo.
25 to 1 The Hour.
25 to 1 Pascal.
25 to 1 Gainsborough Lass.
33 to 1 Le Bambino, taken and offered.

—Reuter.

YANKEES JUMP TO FRONT

Blank Cleveland And Score 14

PIRATES BEATEN

New York, To-day.

The following were the results of yesterday's major League baseball encounters:—

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	3	10	1
Washington	1	7	1
St. Louis	8	14	2
Cliff hit a homer.			
Philadelphia	6	12	1
Cleveland	0	6	0
Chandler pitched.			
New York	14	16	1
Chicago	5	9	3
Boston	9	14	0
Fox hit a homer.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York	4	7	1
Melvin Ott hit a homer.			
Pittsburgh	3	10	3
Brooklyn	1	7	0
Cincinnati	0	6	1
Butcher pitched.			
Boston	3	6	2
Garms and Moore hit homers.			
Chicago	1	6	0

QUICK VICTORIES

County Cricket Results

The feature of the County Cricket Championship to date has been the excellent form shown by Glamorgan, who following their victory over Leicester, last Friday, swamped Northants at Peterborough.

Northants, wooden-spoonists for the last three seasons, were unable to reach the century mark in either of their two innings.

J. C. Clay, who topped the Welsh County's bowling averages last season, found his best form to capture 7 for 43 in Northants' second knock.

LANCASHIRE'S EASY WIN

Lancashire had little difficulty in defeating Warwickshire at Old Trafford. Batting first, they totalled 358 for the loss of six wickets, thanks to consistent batting, and then proceeded to skittle their opponents out for 124 (Sibbles 5 for 31) and 110.

In a low-scoring match at Derby, the Champions defeated Kent by 82 runs. Securing a lead of 139 runs on the first innings, Derbyshire, in their second knock, were dismissed by Watt (6 for 34) for only 88. The Kent batsmen proved unequal to the occasion, however, and could only total 145.

Glamorgan beat Northamptonshire by an innings and 54 runs at Peterborough.

Northants 84 (Mercer 4 for 23) and 77 (Clay 7 for 43).

Glamorgan 215 for 8 dec.

Lancashire beat Warwickshire by an innings and 124 runs at Old Trafford: Lancashire 358 for 6 dec. (Place 81, Hopwood 98, Idden 79 not out).

Warwick 124 (Sibbles 5 for 31) and 110.

Derby beat Kent by 82 runs at Derby. Derbyshire 239 (Alderman 89; Wright 6 for 73) and 88 (Watt 6 for 34).

Kent 100 and 145.

BRITISH AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Favourite Begins In Good Style

Sandwich, To-day.

In the first round of the British Amateur Golf Championship yesterday, H. P. Tyler (Royal St. George's) beat W. J. Gibb (Siam) by 3 and 2.

(Continued at foot of next Col.)



A new portrait of W. Lawrence, the present Colony swimming champion, who is fast regaining his old form.

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- 1 Case Varnishing Cream
- 1 Carton Cleaning Tissues
- 2 Cases Latches
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- 1 Bag Rubber Heels
- 1 Carton Nails
- 4 Cases Radios
- 1 Carton Advertising Matter
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- 1 Drum Blue Black

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LAMMERT BROS.,

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Hong Kong, May 25, 1937.

(Continued from previous col.)

The South African, A. D. Locke, who is the favourite for the Championship, won his second round match yesterday, defeating the American, Trautner, by 7 and 6. Locke drew a bye in the first round. The former Cambridge Blue, J. Walker, surprisingly defeated Leonard Crawley by 1 up.—Reuter.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

On

Thursday, the 27th. May, 1937 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at No. 21 Humphrey's Building, Kowloon.

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also

A Few Pieces of Black Wood Ware and

One "G. E." Refrigerator (in good condition)

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LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 24th May, 1937.

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- 15 Table Model Gramophone.
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- 17 Nest Blackwood Teapots.
- 18 Small Scotch Organ.
- 19 Large Cut Crystal Dish.
- 20 Cut Glass Fruit Bowl.
- 21 Wall Mirror in Frame.
- 22 Pair Blue Ginger Jars.
- 23 Electric Table Fan.
- 24 4-Burner Kerosine Stove.
- 25 Small Writing Table.
- 26 Writing Table & Bookcase.
- 27 Large Bar Wall Mirror.
- 28 Silver Fish Knives & Forks.
- 29 Silver Coffee Spoons.
- 30 Silver Fruit Knives.
- 31 Various China Vases.
- 32 Carved Blackwood Ashtray.
- 33 Pair China Wall Plates.
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- 35 Moving Coil Loud Speaker.
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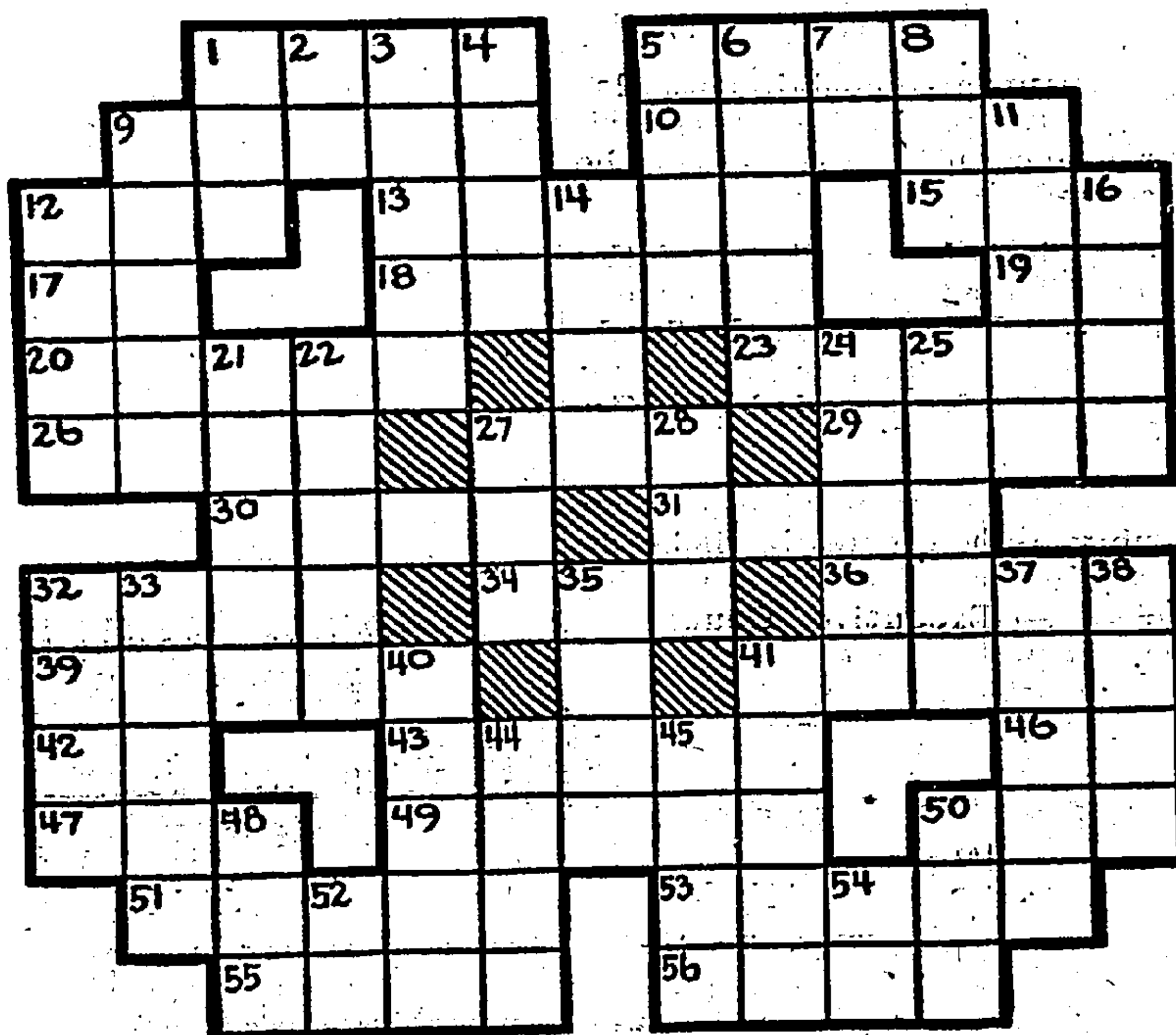
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Fate
- 5—Greedy of applause
- 9—Ocean vessel
- 10—Large sea-duck
- 12—Head covering
- 13—Helped
- 15—Merry
- 17—Near by
- 18—Save
- 19—Pronoun
- 20—Meaning
- 23—Greenish fish
- 26—Part of a boat
- 27—A wager
- 29—A rodent (pl.)
- 30—A bristle (Bot.)
- 31—Fix deeply
- 32—Bleached
- 34—Without moisture
- 36—Collections
- 38—Puts a burden on
- 41—Angle in a fort
- 42—Upon

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 43—Embankment
- 46—Italian river
- 47—Chinese plant
- 49—Occurrence
- 50—Condensed moisture
- 51—Slip
- 53—A giver
- 55—Smaller
- 56—Stain

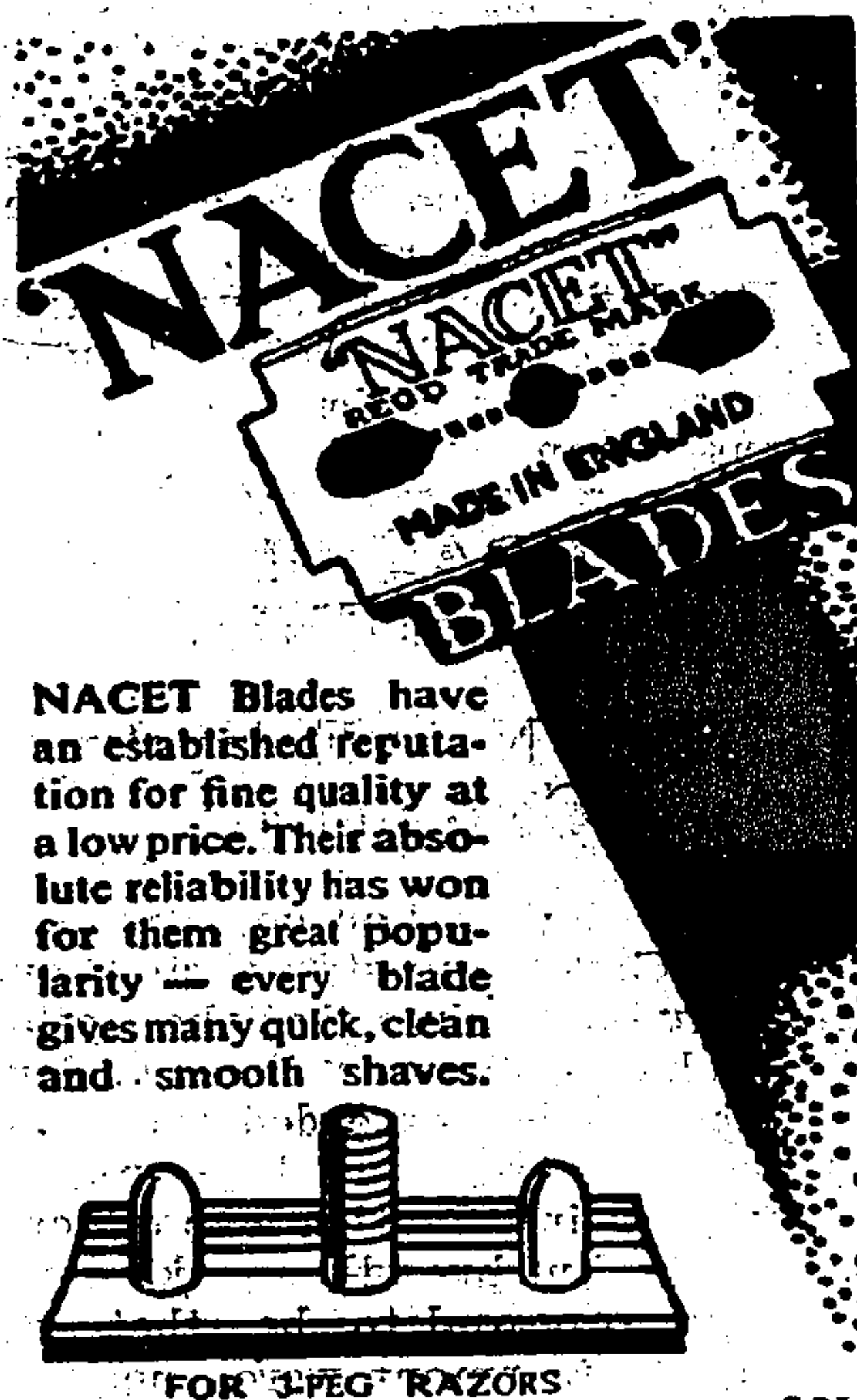
VERTICAL

- 1—Humor
- 2—Within
- 3—Rent
- 4—Make a misstep
- 6—Turn to another course
- 8—Military assistants
- 7—I had (contr.)
- 8—Recent
- 9—Tardier
- 11—Refrain from exacting

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12—Fastening device
- 14—Native of Denmark
- 16—Lairs
- 21—Discovered by prying
- 22—Native of Sweden
- 24—Appearing as if gnawed
- 25—Graded
- 27—Obnoxious
- 28—Attempt
- 32—Plan
- 33—A thoroughfare (pl.)
- 35—Utter wildly
- 37—Small candle
- 38—Frozen crystals
- 40—Snow vehicles
- 41—To top again
- 44—Evenings (Poet.)
- 45—Terminates
- 48—The whole
- 50—Speak
- 52—That is (Lat. abbr.)
- 54—Negative

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.



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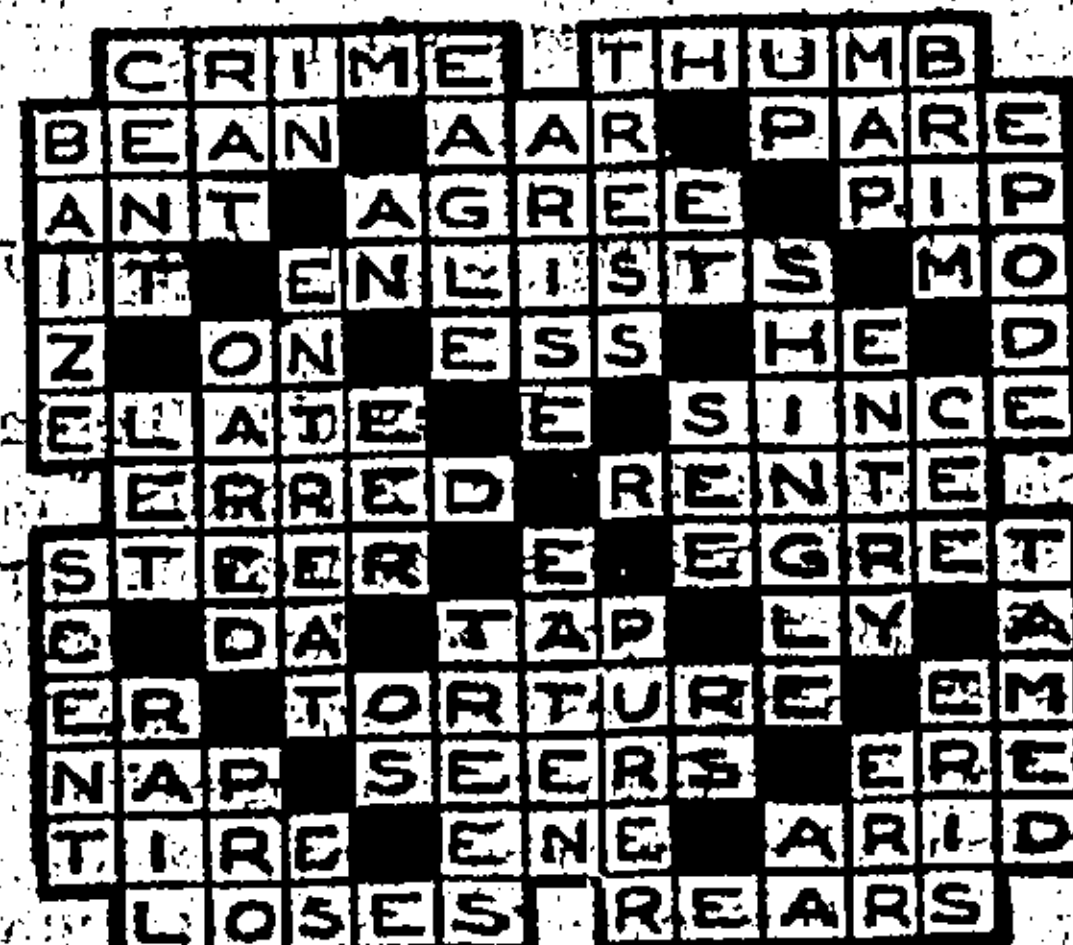
ISLAND

	Feet
Victoria Peak	1,823
Signal Station	1,774
Mt. Parker	1,734
Mountain Lodge	1,725
The Eyrie	1,725
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297

MAINLAND

	Feet
Taimoshan	3,124
Kowloon Peak	1,971

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



POWELL'S HAVE GOOD YEAR

Increase In Turnover Continues

COMPANY MEETING

An improvement in turnover, enabling the Company to record a satisfactory profit to offset the loss of the previous year, was remarked on by Mr. J. H. Seth presiding this morning at the annual meeting of shareholders of Wm. Powell, Limited.

Among those present were Mr. J. H. Seth, who was in the chair, Mr. H. Overy (Managing Director), Mr. W. L. Alexander, Mr. J. T. Bagram, Mr. D. Black, Mr. A. Nissim.

The Chairman said: Your Directors are pleased to come before you with a very much improved Statement of account than the one presented at the last Annual General Meeting. The profit on General Working Account for the year amounted to \$9,651.46 as against a loss of \$5,760.91 for the corresponding period ended 29th February 1936 and the balance of profit for the year is \$6,678.43 as against a previous loss of \$8,728.14. This result, I think, can be considered highly satisfactory.

I am pleased to report that the improvement made in our turnover has been maintained, and the very drastic reductions made in overhead and other changes at the beginning of the financial year is reflected in the accounts now presented.

Turning to the Balance Sheet; on the Liabilities side under Sundry Creditors is included an amount of \$12,834.00 representing the Company's commitments for goods in Transit.

On the Assets side, Shareholders will see that the value of Stocks on hand is approximately the same as it was at 29th February, 1936, but that Goods in Transit are up by some \$10,600. While it is the aim of your Board to keep down the value of stocks it is felt that we must cater for all reasonable requirements.

A notable feature of the past year's trading was the increase in the percentage of Cash Sales and this increased percentage is being maintained.

The Profit for the year has been applied in reduction of the debit balance of Profit and Loss Account which now stands at \$13,236.10.

Mr. J. T. Bagram seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts, which were unanimously passed.

Mr. A. Raymond's confirmation as a member of the Board of Directors was proposed by Mr. D. Black and seconded by Mr. A. Nissim, while Mr. J. H. Seth was re-elected to the Board on the proposal of Mr. H. Overy and seconded by Mr. Wong Ping-fan.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$325 on the proposal of Mr. A. Nissim and seconded by Mr. J. T. Bagram.

FORGOT ALL ABOUT HER CAR

Miss Betty Fair was fined \$5 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, when she was summoned for causing an obstruction with her car in Queen's Road Central, opposite Pedder Street, at 6.50 p.m. on May 11.

Defendant pleaded guilty stating that she went into the shop and "forgot all about the car."

"Old Wreck Of A Car"

Following his conviction for driving a car with ineffective brakes 11 days ago, W. Jones was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning for the same offence and fined \$30.

Traffic Inspector Saunders stated that defendant was driving "an old wreck of a car."

Sir Hugh M. Knatchbull-Hugessen, the British Ambassador to China, left Nanking for Peiping yesterday morning by train.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE'S TASK COMPLETED

NEW CONSTITUTION FOR SANDJAK OF ALEXANDRETTA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GENEVA, TO-DAY.

THE DRAFT STATUTE AND CONSTITUTION OF THE SANDJAK OF ALEXANDRETTA, DRAWN UP BY THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS, WAS PUBLISHED YESTERDAY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES STIPULATED IN THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE LEAGUE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 27, ARTICLE 1 OF THE STATUTE DECLARES THAT THE SANDJAK IS AN INDIVIDUAL STATE WITH FULL INDEPENDENCE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Foreign affairs will be entrusted to the administration of Syria, while the Sandjak and Syria will have a common customs and currency system.

To supervise observance of the Statute and Constitution, the League Council will appoint a French delegate who will work in the Sandjak.

He will be empowered to delay application of legislative and administrative acts for a period up to four months, during which time he must obtain a decision from the League Council.

The connection between the Government of Syria and the Sandjak will be maintained by commissioners.

DEMILITARISED ZONE

The Sandjak will be demilitarised but may organise police and gendarmerie, whose total strength is not to exceed 1,500 men without the permission of the League Council.

The Statute also contains stipulations for the protection of minorities, whose equality of rights is to be guaranteed.

Turkey is to have full use of the port of Alexandretta for transit traffic, for which purpose the Sandjak will lease to Turkey land of an adequate area for a period of fifty years.

The Constitution provides for an Assembly, to be elected by indirect vote, while executive power will be vested in an Executive Council.—Trans-Ocean.

Italy To Export Planes

Milan, To-day.

An Italian syndicate for the exportation of aeroplanes has been formed under the control of the Air Ministry.

Carrying out of orders from abroad for construction of Italian planes by members of the syndicate, which includes all the leading aircraft firms, is destined to ensure unbroken continuity of production for the Italian industry in the years when home demand is less active.—Trans-Ocean.

BROKE NECK, LIVED 9 DAYS

Amateur footballer Harry Flavell, twenty-four, married, of Upper Gornal, Wolverhampton, lived in hospital nine days after he had broken his neck in a local football match.

Verdict at Wolverhampton inquest was Death by misadventure. No one was to blame for Flavell's fall, said the coroner.

DISORDERS IN PALESTINE

Lead To Budget Deficit

Jerusalem, To-day.

The financial year of the British mandated territory in Palestine ending on March 31, closed with a deficit of £1,500,000, mainly owing to increased expenditure following the drafting of troops to Palestine during the Arab-Jewish disorders.

The unrest also led to a considerable decrease in revenue.

The deficit will be covered from the reserve of £6,600,000 brought forward from previous years.—Trans-Ocean.

OCCUPATION OF ABYSSINIA

Still Not Entirely Completed

London, To-day.

Lord Cranborne stated at Commons question time that the Italian forces had in the past three or four months further extended the area of their occupation in Abyssinia.

Reliable information was difficult to obtain but broadly speaking the position appeared to be that the Italian Government were now in occupation of the whole of Abyssinia with the exception of a district in the southwest of the country lying to the west of Maji and a small area between Bani Shangul and Gambella, adjoining the Sudan Frontier.

HOLD-UP OF YOUTH

Six Months' Sentence On One Man

Six months' hard labour was imposed on 22-year-old Lo Mun by Mr. W. Schofield this morning for stealing \$20.10 from a Chinese lad in Belchers Street last Saturday night.

Detective-Sergeant C. Mottram said that complainant was set on by two men who robbed him of the money and escaped.

Defendant was arrested later and in his possession was found \$13.

AMNESTY FOR WAR PRISONERS

Brussels, To-day.

An amnesty for Flemish politicians who were sentenced to prison terms at the end of the Great War for Flemish nationalist activities during the German occupation, was demanded at a gigantic meeting held here yesterday by about 60,000 Flemings from all over Belgium.—Trans-Ocean.

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FENS NIGHT PATROLS

Position Again Serious

With the rivers 10ft. 4in. above the ordnance datum line—a rise of seven inches in twenty-four hours—patrols are ready again in the Cambridgeshire fens.

The water is now only 2ft. 6in. below the highest level reached during the recent floods.

Many farmers have been unable to get on their still water-logged land, and many acres will lie fallow for a year, as it is too late to sow crops.

At Prickwillow, one of the areas most affected last month, the Ouse is 4ft. above normal.

The position is described as "rather serious, but not nearly as bad as during the period immediately preceding the last floods."

A Catchment Board official said: "There is no need for alarm. The level has not yet reached the danger mark."

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